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HAROLD E. CLINE, EDITOR

Volume XXXVI January 4, 1978 No. 1

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, January 7

2:00 P.M. Commitment Meeting

3:00 P.M. Stewardship Comm.

SUNDAY, January 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:15 P.M. School of Chr. Growth

5:30 P.M. Youth

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, January 9

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:00 P.M. Guild

2:00 P.M. Gospel of John

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group - Ramona
Ketner 5232 Sherrill Dr.

8:00 P.M. Lay Personnel Meeting

TUESDAY, January 10

9:30 A.M. School of Chr. Growth

12:00 Nelson Group - Church

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, January 11

7:00 P.M. F.C.C. vs. K. of C.

7:30 P.M. Study Group - World
Hunger

THURSDAY, January 12

7:30 A.M. Rivera Group

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned soup, canned fruit, 3 qt.
powder milk, jello, crackers,
nut butter

PRAISE GOD FOR THE VICTORY!

Together in Christ we can do--
This was proved as we climaxed
1977 by going over the budget giv-
ing goal for the year for the first
time in the memory of long time
leaders. Our total budget giving
was \$115,999.89 which exceeded our
budget goal of \$115,792. Thanks
to every giver who helped achieve
this victory! Our high giving
during 1977 enabled us to end the
year in the black from a beginning
deficit of \$2,640 and to make all
outreach goals except \$2,500 in
Christian Church Outreach because
of Property cost deficits. THANKS
FOR THIS GREAT VICTORY!

JOIN IN OUR LIFE REGULARLY!

Sermons through Easter are
listed on page 4. Our Children's
Choir will sing in addition to
the Chancel Choir this Sunday.

The call for 1978 giving com-
mitments is underscored on Page 3.
These are needed by 3:00 P.M. this
Sat., January 7!

The School of Christian Growth
begins on January 8--Register now
for one or more growth experience!

SERVING JANUARY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K Place-
SW, S. Thompson, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-NE, H.
Stevenson-NW, C. Cline-SE, R.
Jenkins-SW, R. Baugher, D. Short,
G. Falbe, Andrea Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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Mildred Hartman & Elinor Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Janet Weicker - Carl Schwartz

Fred Smell - George Davis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Sue Kerley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, B. Schwartz,
B. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

470 - Mrs. Barbara Short

410 - Mrs. Marie Stephey

ST. JOSEPH:

609 - Mr. Harvey Smelzer

PARKVIEW:

445 - Mrs. Elna Taylor

504 - Mrs. Freda Flaugh

510 - Mrs. Willa Hartzler

240 - Mrs. Inez Petty

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS:

Important Jan. meeting at 7:30
P.M. on Tues., Jan. 10. All are
needed to pass on working budget
for 1978 other reports and
actions.

THANK YOU LETTER:

Dear Friends,

How can we ever thank you enough for sustaining prayer, cards of sympathy, necessary food and the many expressions of love given us when Ross passed from this life!

Thanks Dr. Cline for loving Ross and hurting with us. The service at the church was beautiful and inspiring. We were truly one in the spirit!

As a family we have been enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. Thanks be unto God for his priceless gift.

Mrs. Ross Harter

NEW TABLES:

Help us keep beautiful our new tables in Fellowship Hall. These were purchased from Bazaar income plus a special gift. Contact George Bruckman or the church office if you are interested in purchasing one of the old tables for home usage.

THANKS FOR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIVING:

We rejoiced and have mailed our special Outreach Christmas Offering of \$838.25 plus the Christmas Card Tree giving of \$270.62 to the Flinn Home and \$255.63 to the Cleveland Home. Thanks for this special Christmas giving!

1978 GIVING COMMITMENTS ARE NEEDED NOW!

We are asking people to mail or bring to the office giving intentions for 1978 so that the Asking Budget may be worked into a working budget for this year. We rejoice greatly in the accomplishment of the past year, but now must move forward to the call of God for this year. Come to the final commitment meeting at 2:00 P.M. this Saturday or make sure that the church office has received your commitment by that time. The Committee chairpersons and Finance Committee are meeting at 3:00 on Saturday to finalize board recommendations. HERE WE ARE AS OF JANUARY 1:

140 Commitments totaling	\$86,933.65
Income-Loose Off., Ch. Sch. Earnings	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL NOW ANTICIPATED	91,433.65

This is 66.2% of our Asking Budget of \$138,094 or \$1,725.16 weekly.

Board of Trustees -- 11 commitments from possible 11 averaging \$28.34 weekly

Board of Elders -- 18 commitments from possible 22 averaging \$22.83 weekly

Board of Diaconate -- 27 commitments from possible 38 averaging \$10.91 weekly

Congregation at large -- 84 commitments from possible 300 averaging \$41 weekly

UNDER CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT:

Beginning Commitment (5%) - \$1 per week per \$1,000 of annual income

Average or Tithe Commitment (10%) - \$1 per week per \$1,000 of annual income

Sacrificial Commitment (15%) - \$3 per week per \$1,000 of annual income

MAIL OR BRING 1978 GIVING COMMITMENTS BY

JANUARY 7!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The Tidings last week announced all weekly offering for the winter term -- Since classes begin this coming Sunday, immediate action is needed now. Register by enclosing sufficient money with the form for texts and materials. Be a part of this group seeking to find growth and fulfillment in our school!

Relational Bible Study, serious Bible Study, Yoga and Christian meditation, fulfillment of life, discipleship learning, and a serious Bible study for children--These are possibilities included in the offerings of these weekly study programs through the week.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS CHRIST THROUGH HIS MINISTRY

Several months ago I was involved in a serious Bible Study using the same text for five nights during Regional Evangelism Cluster meetings. The depth of impact of the Bible caused me to think toward the sermons which I will be preaching through Easter on March 26th.

I would encourage you to keep this page and use it for preparation and your own experience of Jesus along with the sermon. Each text is a personal encounter of Jesus with one or more persons. Use the following principles as you reflect upon the story:

1. Make the story one involving yourself. Put yourself within the feelings and reactions of the people with Jesus.
2. Identify with one or more character in the story. "I am like.. when I do or think this way...."
3. Find the good news that is in the story from God to you.
4. Give the story a name. It can make the story stick in life.

COMING SERMONS:

- Jan. 8 - "TWO MEN--WILL YOU BE BOTH?" - Mark 1:40-45
Jan. 15 - "REDIRECTING LOVE'S ENERGIES" - Mark 6:30-44
Jan. 22 - 8:15 A.M. - "LOVING THE WORLD,--ACTION, NOT THEORY"
John 4:1-30; 10:45 A.M. - I. James Eshleman preaching
in exchange for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Jan. 29 - Laity Sunday -- I will be with a team of our people in
the HELPER CLINIC at College Hill Presbyterian in
Cincinnati.
Feb. 5 - "PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF THE MAN WHO STILLED THE
WATERS" - Mark 4:35-41
Feb. 12 - "DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?" - John 5:1-18
Feb. 19 - "FREE TO TOUCH--TO LOVE" - Mark 8:22-26
Feb. 26 - "THE RISK OF RELATIONSHIP" - Luke 7:36-50
March 5 - "TAKE HEART" - Mark 10:46-52
March 12 - "JOY IN RELATIONSHIP" - Matthew 25:1-13
March 19 - PALM SUNDAY -- "HOW CAN GOD USE MY GAME PLAN?"
Mark 9:2-8
March 26 - EASTER SUNDAY -- "HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!"
John 11:1-44

Hope to see you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: January 8-14, 1978

Paul Kenline
Jaynie Jenkins
LaVerne Hunt
Pearl Heidecker
Edwin Hall

David Griggs
Freda Flaugh
Burl Feltenberger
Ruth Eiler
Frances Eckert
Terry Augsburg

Mabel Cross
Robert Clipp
Dan Church
Peg Buskirk
Deborah Brian

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 A.M. Paint Day
9:30 A.M. Youth Discipleship
11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:15 P.M. School of C.G.
3:30 P.M. Youth Groups
6:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 A.M. Kitchen Clean-up
9:30 A.M. Gospel of John
3:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
6:30 P.M. Lafayette Neighbor-
hood Association

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 P.M. World Hunger Class
8:00 P.M. FCC vs. North Highlands
Presbyterian

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, P-NUT
BUTTER, 3 QT. POWDERED MILK, JELLO

Sunday we will consider the bounce of Jesus in the reality of his desires
and the needs of the people in the sermon, "REDIRECTING LOVE'S ENERGIES"
based on Mark 6:30-44.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

We have recently moved through a very meaningful Christmas season and then we achieved a giving victory by December 31 as a congregation. Since Easter is so early this year (March 26) we sense the focusing of Christmas to Easter upon Jesus' life quite sharply!

I personally rejoice in this season in the life of the church. Preaching is focused on the life and ministry of Jesus in a very special way. This year, I am taking the focus of personal identification with Jesus and various persons he encountered during his ministry. In these identifications, I sense that Jesus can become very real for us and speak to our human situations to the end that we sense finding life and its fulfillment in him.

I would challenge all of our members and friends to make every effort to be present regularly during these weeks unless prevented by illness. It is also a good time to invite and bring others along with you.

SERVING JANUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Robert Hendricks
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW, P.
Yentes-SW, D. Allen, B. Pauley
10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-NE, D. Wort-
ley-NW, C. Schwartz-SE, B. Love-
SW, M. Byers, M. Akers, R. Orr,
S. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee
10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, J. Ott,
D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 413 Mrs. Mildred Young

TRANSFERRED TO CARE CENTER

Mr. Harvey Smelser was moved from
St. Joseph Hospital to Turtle Creek
North Health Care Center on Hobson
Road on 1/9/78.

WELFARE GIFTS TO PANTRY

The Allen County Welfare Depart-
ment gave 180 food items and \$38.55
towards Pantry supplies at their
Christmas celebration. We thank
them for their support and assist-
ance to this ministry of help.

*the service. Also all the love that we feel from our Pastor, Harold
Cline.*

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. LINDA LEE PETERSON, 1324
Daly Drive, New Haven, 46774,
749-2861 made her confession of
faith Sunday. She comes to us
from Winchester and is a Train-
ing Instructor for General Tel-
ephone. She has a son, Matthew
Wayne, in the home. We rejoice
in her commitment to Christ
within our fellowship. Her
decision climaxed our worship
hours which included the bap-
tism of Ron Kiger.

DECEMBER AVERAGES

Church at Worship	305
Church School	136
Through the Week	21
Budget Giving	\$3,389.71
Building Fund	512.71

In addition we had 289 at Christ-
mas Eve Worship and special
Christmas giving for Outreach of
\$1,364.50.

ADDITIONS DURING DECEMBER:

James & Leesa Jump
Ron & Sue Kiger
Phyllis Schidler

THANK YOU NOTE:

Leslie and I would like to say
"Thank All and God Bless" for
the many prayers and kindnesses
shown us during his illness--
those who came to the hospital
and home for Communion, the gra-
cious meal the Harters (Steve &
Tana) brought us Thanksgiving.

We think he is now doing much
better and hope we can come back
to church sometime in the future
as we both miss being a part of

With lots of love,
Leslie & Hortense Futterer

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

May we call your attention to groups which will or have started for this season.

1. YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - A basic 10 week experience, this Saturday, January 14 through March 18 for youth of grades 6 through 8. Fifth graders wishing for a church commitment would be welcome to come and seek understanding. It meets from 9:30 to 10:50 A.M. each Saturday.

2. LEARNING TO KNOW JESUS AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN - This is a second series and will continue with the LIFE OF JESUS using the YOUNG READERS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES at 11:00 A.M. on Saturdays from January 14 through March 18. This is for children of grades 3 through 6. Those in the first series are asked to bring books, folders, and Bibles this Saturday as we move forward.

3. ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - Sunday mornings during Church School, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M., from January 15 through March 12 in Room 132 led by Dr. Cline. This is for both members and friends of the church to look at basics of our faith, our church, and our Christian life.

4. YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - Join in the second session at 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. this coming Sunday evening in Room 132. A combination of yoga postures adapted to the personal level and the art of Christian meditation led by Ruby Cline. The class continues through March 12.

5. THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - This serious Bible study meets both from 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. this Sunday evening through March 12 or on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. through March 14. This is an in-depth study of the Gospel. If interested secure a text to prepare for the second class session and join NOW! Dr. Cline is leading these classes.

6. WORLD HUNGER: EDUCATION AND ACTION TOGETHER - Miriam Bixenman is leading this group which begins on January 18 - Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. and continues through March 15. It will study NEW HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY by Larry linear and plan towards some action effort to meet needs.

JOIN ONE OF THESE STUDY EFFORTS NOW!

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1978 GIVING ENVELOPES

Our 1978 envelopes were mailed on Tuesday, December 27 - All should have received them by this time. If yours did not arrive or you desire envelopes, call the office, 744-3239. It helps when you mark on the front the total on the envelopes and any special designations for the giving.

DMA POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

All retirees, widows, or widowers or senior citizens are invited. Pot Luck pitch-in at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 24 with Mary Cook, Gladys Hoop, and Arza Smith hosting. Program features the "RIPPLE REVIEW OF GREECE, EGYPT, AND TURKEY" by Rolland & Genevieve Ripple. Come and share this day of fellowship!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH PRAYER RETREAT

Registrants are urged to sign up for a Retreat based on Personal Prayer. The group will leave the church parking lot at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 1 and return at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 2 and spend the night in the house at Barbee.

Ruby Cline will lead this event which will use the book THE ART OF PERSONAL PRAYER by Lance Webb. The book will be supplied to registrants prior to the event for reading. Cost of the event is \$6 plus sharing in meal provisions. Your immediate response will help you in having more preparation time. Elton Trueblood writes the preface for the book and the areas of prayer covered include: Adoration, confession, commitment, petition, intercession, trust, recollection, and communion,

CALL FOR PAINTERS!

Come with brushes and rollers this Saturday at 9:00 A.M. As many persons as possible are asked to come and help finish painting in the administrative wing hall and stairways and ceiling of the Chapel. Lunch will be served. Please call the church office if you will be here so that we can have enough food.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

January 15-21, 1978

Ethel Allen	Lucille Welch
Muriel Wilson	Melanie Tracy
Robert Ulrich	Necia Stucker
Betty Olson	Cheryl Sperry
Nathan Love	Josea Siples
Sandy Zimmerman	Alfred Schell
Roxy Wunderlich	Doris Richard
Esther Whitton	Scott Rayl

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As a part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will participate in a pulpit and choir exchange on Sunday, January 22. Dr. Cline will preach here at the 8:15 hour. He and our choir will be at Calvary Presbyterian at the later hour. At the 10:45 service James Eshleman, pastor, and the choir from Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren will be here. The theme of the day is "We are no longer strangers" from Ephesians 2:13-22. These experiences help us realize that we are no strangers with others in the bond of Christ.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP SCHEDULED

There will be a general clean-up of the church kitchen on Tuesday, January 17 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Any who could help in this needed service would be most welcome!

OPEN HOUSE FOR GEORGE FLORENCE

George Florence, the Administrator of our Flinn Home for the past 10 years, will be honored at a retirement open house this Sunday the 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 at First Christian Church in Marion. A presentation will be made at 5:00 and a light supper served. All are invited.

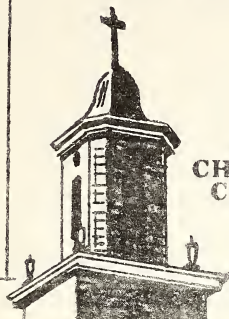
MISSING BULLETINS NEEDED!

The church office is missing Sunday morning worship bulletins from their files for the Sundays January 9 and February 20, 1977. If you could supply these please call the church office.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 A.M. Youth Discipleship
11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
2:00 P.M. Chi Rho Sledding
3:15 P.M. School of C. Growth
4:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 A.M. Kitchen Clean-Up
10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 A.M. Gospel of John
12:00 Noon D.M.A.
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 P.M. FCC vs. 1st Assembly
of God
7:30 P.M. World Hunger Class

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 P.M. CWF Executive Committee
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PAINTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, 3 QT.
POWDERED MILK, TUNA, CANNED SOUP

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born as a religious movement concerned for the wholeness and unity of the church. We live in a day of openness and acceptance in the church today. In this we rejoice because we believe that Christ calls us to oneness and relationship. We believe that He breaks all barriers and walls of difference if we will allow him.

"We are no longer strangers" based on Ephesians 2:13-22 is the theme for this year's observance of prayer and worship together in the body of Christ.

Rev. J. James Eshleman, pastor of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren will be preaching for both morning worship hours. Dr. Cline will be leading worship and preaching both at 9:00 and 10:15 A.M. at Calvary United Presbyterian Church. Our Choir will join him at the later hour and the Lincolnshire Choir will be here at 10:45 A.M. This pulpit exchange is a part of a south Fort Wayne effort in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

SERVING JANUARY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
George Bruckman
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Hetrick-SW, E. Place, K. Place
10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NE, E. Conrad-NE, G. Davis-SE, B. Hendricks-SW, M. Finkhousen, E. Nordblom, K. Taylor, A. Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ralph Church - Andrea Benny
Robert Hendricks - Max Finkhousen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell - Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ron & Karen Flickinger

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza
10:45 A.M. B. Busse, C. Busse,
K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 413 Mrs. Mildred Young
414 Mr. Robert Hendricks
471 Mr. Willis Wuthrich
ST. JOSEPH: 545 Mrs. Jolene Dickey
PARKVIEW: 232 Mr. Troy Yeoman
214 Mrs. Linda Wiley

CYF ON SUNDAY EVENING!

All high schoolers are invited at 5:30 P.M. on January 22 - Discussion on "Pressure". Worship led by Tim Sauerwein, refreshments furnished by Kim Shipley.

CONGRATUALTIONS ON BIRTH!

A son, Brian Joseph, was born on January 16 to Joe and Linda Wiley.

FROM BAZAAR EARNINGS

Have you noticed our new tables in Fellowship Hall? Have you used our new coat hangers throughout the building? Have you taken note of our new lav-alier microphones? These have come from earnings from the Bazaar plus one special gift also toward a part of the tablea. THANKS! LET'S ENJOY THEM TOGETHER!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

We have a series of photographs and a cassette tape from our Celebration Sunday of 25 years in this location which we held on November 13. Picture copies are available at 30¢ each and cassette tapes for \$2. The tape includes the worship hour on one side and the sermon by George Wascovich on the other. These may be ordered by calling or visiting the office or in Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

FINAL CALL FOR DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Youth of pre-high school who have any questions or possibilities of making a commitment to Christ are invited Saturdays at 9:30 A.M. through March 18. Come this Saturday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 120.

Youth of high school age and adults who want to look at basics of the church and being a Christian are invited on Sunday mornings from now through March 12 in Room 132 during Church School from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON JANUARY 10, 1978

Among the regular reports of minutes, treasurer's report, memorial funds quarterly report and people report, there was rejoicing over the new additions to the church and the achievement of budget giving for the calendar year of 1977. Here is a comparative list of totals and first of these to achieve its goal:

1968 - \$70,345	1973 - \$89,971
1969 - 69,673	1974 - 95,200
1970 - 66,311	1975 - 99,652
1971 - 66,664	1976 - 93,714
1972 - 80,998	1977 - \$115,999.89!

After lengthy discussion and several substitute motions, the following adjusted budget for 1978 was approved pending congregational action on Sunday, February 5:

	ASKING BUDGET '78	ADJUSTED BUDGET '78
Pastoral Leadership Cost	\$ 48,943	\$ 47,647
Church Staff Cost	26,576	25,436
Office Expenses	4,900	4,500
Educational Program	5,550	4,550
Evangelism	675	675
Membership	2,680	2,650
Provision of Building Facility	14,570	16,300
Facilitating Worship	1,650	1,550
Local Community Outreach & Service	9,400	4,700
Outreach in Region, Nation, & World	23,150	21,100
	<u>\$138,094</u>	<u>\$129,109</u>

This adjusted budget for \$129,109 calls for weekly giving of \$2,436. The Board took into consideration the following results of our commitment efforts towards our 1978 giving:

REPORT OF COMMITMENTS FOR 1978

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	11 of 11	\$ 16,522.00	\$ 28.34 weekly (av.)
BOARD OF ELDERS	20 of 22	22,632.00	21.35 weekly (av.)
BOARD OF DIACONATE	33 of 38	18,434.30	10.54 weekly (av.)
CONGREGATION	130 of 300	50,646.44	7.35 weekly (av.)
	<u>194 of 371</u>	<u>\$108,234.74</u>	<u>\$ 10.53 weekly (av.)</u>
75 couples - one or both employed		\$ 69,362.14	\$ 17.50
46 couples - retired		18,289.50	7.50
39 singles - retired		10,705.75	5.18
18 singles - employed		8,454.10	8.86
13 under 18 or college		1,246.00	1.81

194 commitments totaling \$ 108,234.74

(more on page four)

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD (from page three)

Projected - Church School	\$ 1,700.00
Loose Offerings	1,500.00
Mem. Fund B. Income	1,250.00
Savings - interest	50.00
1977 giving to 1978	<u>305.00</u>

4,805.00

74 Non-pledgers 1977 giving

15,524.00

\$128,563.74 or 93% of
Asking Budget

The Board then voted that all regular or budget income for 1978 be divided 80% for Operating Costs and 20% for Outreach upon receipt each month to guarantee spending in both areas. The spending of Outreach on a weekly basis for the calendar year was also approved in which the major change from 1977 was the raising of Christian Church Outreach for Regional & General Work, Homeland and Overseas Ministries, Benevolent Homes, and Educational Institutions to two checks of \$700 per month from two \$500 checks per month.

Judy Church was approved to fill the unexpired term of Ross Harter as Elder until June 30, 1981 and Dan Church was approved to fill the unexpired term of Susan Knuckles on the Board of Diaconate until June 30, 1978. Committee personnel sheets were studied and various corrections and additions were made.

All were reminded of the request for all for the Building and Property Priority list to be submitted to the Property Committee by February 1 for recommendation to the Board on February 7.

CHI RHO GOING SLEDDING

All sixth to eighth graders are invited at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday with sleds. The group will go to Franke Park and return to the church at 5:30 P.M.

D.M.A.

Come for a Pot-Luck at 12:00 on Tuesday the 24th. Program will be "RIPPLE REVIEW OF GREECE, EGYPT, AND TURKEY" by Rolland & Genevieve Ripple. Hosting are Mary Cook, Gladys Hoop, and Arza Smith.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 22-28, 1978

Opal Perkins	Nancy Hendricks
Pat Norman	Deann Halbrook
Bernice Montgomery	Max Geiselman
Glenn Miller	Les Futterer
Stephan Ludwig	Bruce Finkhausen
Ethel Lahmon	Karen Elkins
Sue Kiger	Myrtle DeViney
Susan Jones	Irene Current
James Hirschy	Stanley Cole

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:

PERSONAL PRAYER RETREAT - Camp Barbee, Feb. 1 & 2 - Register Now
EVANGELISM RETREAT - Church Parlor, Sat. Feb. 11, 9:00-4:00.

DAY OF RENEWAL - Intercessory Prayer-South Side Church, Kokomo Sat. Feb. 25, 9-5 led by Winifred Smith.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

:00 A.M. Painting
1:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:15 P.M. School of C. Growth
:30 P.M. Youth
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

:30 A.M. Gospel of John
:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

:00 A.M. Spice Group
Pauline Snyder 4709 Schaper Dr.
:30 P.M. World Hunger
:00 P.M. FCC vs WCC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER
SOUP
3 QT. POWDERED MILK
TUNA

WALK IN THE LIGHT

This theme of Laity Week will be at the heart of our worship this Sunday morning at 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M..

Ruby Cline will be speaking on this theme similarly to the message which she gave at First Christian Church, Laporte, last Sunday. She is currently CWF Spiritual Growth Director for our Indiana Christian Churches and with key note emphasis relating to spiritual growth.

Jack Weicker, our Moderator, will preside at Meditative Worship assisted by Marilyn Byers.

Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. will be led by Dean Widler, one of our elders.

Dr. Cline will be in Cincinnati for four days for a training clinic in Evangelism over the weekend and Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will leave after church school for the annual meetings of the Christian Educators in St. Louis, which open Sunday evening.

SERVING JANUARY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. William Love and
Judy Church

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, S.
Thompson-NW, B. Lehman, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-NE, R. Jen-
kins-NW, D. Short-SE, G. Falbe-SW,
S. Schell, H. Stevenson, C. Cline,
D. Church

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell - Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ralph & Judy Church

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, P. Bickel,
B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

418 - Mrs. Barbara Short

202 - Mr. Gus Mueller

213 - Emma Phillips

ST. JOSEPH:

545 - Mrs. Jolene Dickey

PARKVIEW:

100 - Sherri Smith

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Johney Walter Adams and Esther
Ruth Longerbone on 1/21/78. They
are residing at 3410 S. Cedarcrest,
09, 747-6768.

BAZAAR BLASTS!!!

Bazaar income totaled \$3,318.71.
Tables, microphones and hangers
have arrived. Outreach money will
be sent soon. Money contributed
toward purchase of new choir
robes will be sent when the or-
der is placed. Dreams do come
true!!!

OUTREACH (1/3)	\$1,106.24
TABLES	1,074.32
CHOIR ROBES	539.82
MICROPHONES	407.93
HANGERS	190.40
	<hr/> \$3,318.71

PROPERTY PAINTING:

We thank George Bruckman, De-
lores Keebortz, Ed Allen, Steve
Harter, William Love, Mike Mull-
en, Mike Brian, and Paul Yentes
for painting this last weekend
and to Sue Allen for the lunch.
Come next Saturday for helping
to paint from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00
or any segment there of possi-
ble! Help put on a clean and
fresh look to dingy hallways
and stairs.

CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:

All ninth, tenth, eleventh,
and twelfth graders are urged
to be regular in Church School
for a special study which has
just started. George Bruckman
is leading a study of the New
Testament book of Revelation
based on the two volumes of
Barclay's Daily Study Bible.
Parents and youth should work
together to insure regular
participation in this study.

C W F Q U A D R E N N I A L

"Behold the New Day" is the theme for the International Christian Women's Fellowship Quadrennial Assembly. This, the sixth Quadrennial Assembly, will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, June 1 - 30. The registration fee is \$90.00 and includes everything except transportation to and from Purdue.

Bible lecturers include Dr. Philip Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; and Dr. Beatriz Melano Couch, Professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary in American University, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Una Kross, a psychiatrist and theologian from England.

Registrations must be in before May 1, along with fee. Women wishing to room together must send their registrations in the same envelope. Registration blanks may be secured from Sandy Zimmerman or the Church Office.

Interested persons are encouraged to write a request for scholarship and to cover one-half of registration addressed to the Church Office and mailed as soon as possible but no later than April 15. These scholarships are coming from the earnings from the Edna Vaught Investment in Love and the Leadership Development Fund of the Education Budget.

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THANK YOU NOTE:

*Thanks for all the cards and
prayers and expressions of concern!
Lillian Scott*

Participating from Friday noon
through Monday afternoon is
Dr. Cline.

Y.F.

All high schoolers are invited
for an open discussion-- "Peer
Pressure". Kathy Lee will lead
discussion; Gary York is in charge
of refreshments.

INVITATION TO RECEPTION:

Installation Reception for
Rev. Thomas Bridges at Educa-
tion Center of South Wayne
Baptist Church, 3:00 to 5:00
P.M., Sunday, January 29, 1978.

HELPER CLINIC

We have a team of four partici-
pating in the HELPER CLINIC at
College Hill Presbyterian Church
Cincinnati. HELPER stands for
How to Enable Lay Persons to
Minister Regularly. Participa-
ting from Friday evening through
Monday afternoon are Andrea Benny,
Janice Conrad, and Rose Jenkins.

FINAL CALL FOR ORDERS:

Photographs and cassette tapes
of our Celebration Sunday, Nov.
13 can still be ordered this
week through the office or in
Fellowship Hall on Sunday morn-
ing before or after either
worship hour.

CALLING FIFTH & SIXTH GRADERS!

The Elementary Three Class for 5th and 6th graders taught by Sally Cline are asked to bring snow clothes and sleds to church with them Sunday. Following worship at 10:45 A.M., they will go to the Clines for dinner, then to Franke Park for sledding, and will be returned to homes by 4:00 P.M..

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

January 29 to February 4, 1978

Mildred Aruza	Dorothy Morris
Carolyn Beckstein	Don Miller
Marvel Brickley	James Plummer
Melford Busse	Susan Watson
Melvin Cochren	Monette Wetzel
Debra (Allen) Connerly	Joe Wiley
Virginia Dare	Cynthia Ventes
Opal Heller	Delmas Young

EVANGELISM WING-DING:

Saturday, February 11--in our Parlor from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.. Served lunch at noon. Training and development for us to be bearers of good news to others. This is an enabling event for all of us to grow in the area of witness. Calendar this day for a meaningful growth experience.

DAY OF RENEWAL:

Intercessory Prayer will be the focus of the Day of Renewal for the Christian Churches in Northern Indiana on Saturday, Feb. 25 at South Side Christian Church in Kokomo. Mrs. Winifred Smith will be the leader of this event. Harold and Ruby Cline

are also on the leadership team for this event sponsored by the Commission on Evangelism and Renewal in Indiana. The time is from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and is one of two locations replacing the annual weekend for a Renewal Training event.

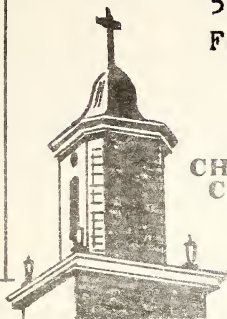
DINNERS OF EIGHT:

The Membership Committee is instituting a program for fellowship and relationship among our people. It is to acquaint people with one another.

Each month four couples will gather for an evening meal and fellowship. There is no program except to learn to know one another. Each meal is a modified pitch-in with each couple bringing a dish. During the four month period, each couple will host once and will be in three other homes. The groups are rotated each month so that there will be new people with whom you eat. Singles are encouraged to pair with someone for this program.

We are asking couples to sign up for this program which has been a meaningful fellowship and relational experience in other congregations. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. Call the church office or sign up on Sunday!

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BLIZZARD - 1978

Last Thursday, Fort Wayne received its greatest inch coverage of snow coupled with winds up to 50 miles an hour and the attendant drifting. Thus we were deluged and kept within homes and neighborhoods except for the few on snowmobiles or four-wheel drive trucks.

We did schedule an 11:00 A.M. Worship on Sunday for those who might walk in from the neighborhood. To our great appreciation, George Miller outdid himself in clearing our south parking lot on Saturday afternoon. Earl Fusselman followed up and cleaned the drive from the parking lot to the portico. We appreciate their efforts so much!

We had 14 for our Worship in the Chapel on Sunday morning. Ruby reached for 19 at a neighborhood service next door to our home. Sara Davis participated in a neighborhood worship of about 25 at the Miller home. I would be interested to hear of others who shared in neighborhood worship experiences. Please let me know!

In addition to worship together, I have heard of many neighborhood glutton dinners. Neighbors have learned to know each other and relate in this time of emergency. This is good in spite of the horrors of the storm. Neighborhood relationships have also been expressed by shoveling for one another, by taking in food or buying groceries for one another. These are positive signs of relationship which are good and a cause of rejoicing in spite of trouble.

I trust that we will not be hit with too much more until we all get going out and can share life with some normalcy. We would appreciate catching up on giving by bringing it Sunday or if you must miss

SERVING FEBRUARY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Byers-NE, R. Orr-NW, M. Akers-SE, S. Allen-SW, W. Bowen, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz, B. Love

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Dean Widler - Rose Jenkins

Merle Grimm - Robert Orr

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson - Carole Lee

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dean and Elsie Widler

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. K. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, C. Akers, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS:

LUTHERAN:

418 - Mrs. Barbara Short

M202 - Mr. Gus Mueller

M213 - Mrs. Emma Phillips

PARKVIEW:

315 - Mr. Bill Lehman

BOARD MEETING:

Our regular February meeting is set for 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 7. A priority listing of Building Equipment and Needs

will be presented for discussion and action. Our response and participation to the Indiana ACTS Campaign will be respresented and discussed with possible action coming. All members are needed for this meeting!

CHI RHO OUTING POSTPONED:

The planned Chi Rho Camp Out at Camp Barbee for this weekend has been postponed because of the extreme weather conditions this past week plus other complications.

HELPER CLINIC IN APRIL:

The HELPER CLINIC in which our pastor and three lay persons were scheduled to participate was cancelled. The next Clinic includes these days for laity, namely, April 28 - 30. Would YOU consider going? We would like to register a team early for this event.

JANUARY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	209
Church School	94
Thr. Wk. Educ.	17
Budget Giving	\$2,351.29
Building Fund	188.68

(These figures include Blizzard Week with many cancelations--- Let's dig out and be regular when we can during February!)

JANUARY ADDITIONS:

Linda Peterson

EVANGELISM TRAINING DAY ON February 11 has been cancelled.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS DURING WORSHIPS SUNDAY

Jack Weicker, our Moderator, has called for congregational action on our 1978 Working Budget during each of the three worship hours this Sunday, namely, 8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M., and 7:00 P.M.. The item for congregation action is the recommended 1978 Working Budget from the Board of Trustees which totals \$129,109.

The following is a comparison and breakdown:

	<u>1977-Budget</u>	<u>1977-Actual</u>	<u>1978-Asking</u>	<u>1978-Working</u>
Pastoral Leadership	\$45,443	\$45,739	\$48,943	\$47,647
Other Ch. Staff	20,669	20,419	26,576	25,436
Office Expense	4,700	4,364	4,900	4,500
Education	3,700	2,780	5,550	4,550
Evangelism	650	466	675	675
Membership	2,250	3,108	2,680	2,650
Property	13,640	16,858	14,570	16,300
Worship	1,050	1,577	1,650	1,550
Local Outreach	4,750	3,967	9,400	4,700
World Outreach	15,700	13,200	23,150	21,100
Past Debt	2,640	2,640		
	<u>\$115,792</u>	<u>\$115,858</u>	<u>\$138,094</u>	<u>\$129,109</u>

At the time of the Board meeting which finalized the working budget we had 194 commitments and could foresee \$128,564 or 93% of the Asking Budget or 99.6 of the Working Budget. Since that time we have received 10 more commitments, and thus we stand at this point:

204 Commitments totalling	\$110,192	
Ch. Sch. Loose Off. Earnings	4,805	
100 Non Pledgers est. at 1977 giving	15,396	
	<u>\$130,391</u>	or 100.9% of Working Budget

As the figures indicate, we have expectations of about \$1,300 more than the recommended Working Budget for the year of 1978. We will finalize the Working Budget by our action this coming Sunday by our participating and voting.

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CALL FOR PAINTERS:

PAINTERS ARE NEEDED THIS SATURDAY BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M..
BREAK THE CABIN FEVER AND PAINT TO BRIGHTEN OUR BUILDING.

again to mail it to the church by check.

I hope to see you Sunday. The sermon is "PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF THE MAN WHO STILLED THE WATERS" based on Mark 4:35-41.

Harold S. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Painting

11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:15 P.M. School of C. Growth

5:30 P.M. Youth

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group

A. Newman 7914 Imperial Plaza Dr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group - Sarah Smith 3927 Meda Pass

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

5:00 P.M. ACTS Meeting & Dinner

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 P.M. World Hunger

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group

1:00 P.M. CWF Exec. Meeting

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

INTERCESSORY NEW PRAYER. We will be attending the day at South Side Christian Church in Kokomo. Winifred Smith is the Guest leader for this event along with about a dozen group leaders which include Harold and Ruby Cline.

Register now at \$5 per person which includes the noon meal. Cars will leave our parking lot at 7:15 A.M. and should be back at about 5:30 P.M. Call the Church Office or contact Miriam Bixenman or Dr. Cline to register.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

February 5 - 11, 1978

Dennis Andrew	Sharon Eme
Andrea Benny	Lois Finkhousen
Clifton Bowman	Pat Fountain
Cecile Chevalier	Bruce Grimm
Chad Cline	Thelma Haxton
Esther Clipp	Blanche Hetrick
William Crouse	Kenneth Hunt
Edwin Day	Margaret Jenkins

DAY OF RENEWAL:

For several years First Christian has been a heavy participant in the Renewal Events sponsored by our Region. This year it is a one day event rather than an overnight. It will be held at two locations and will focus on

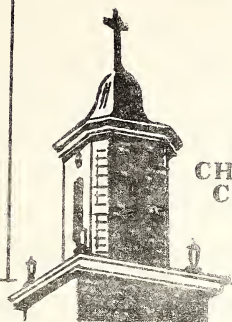
FINAL CALL FOR ORDERS:

Since last Sunday was basically cancelled, this Sunday the 5th will be the last for orders for Cassette Tapes and Pictures from Celebration Sunday.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

LENT: WORSHIP & LOVE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

:00 A.M. Painting
1:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:00 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. School of C. Growth
:30 P.M. Chi Rho
:30 P.M. CYF at Clines
:00 P.M. Celebration

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

:30 P.M. Guild - Pearl Heidecker
445 S. Fairfield
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

:30 A.M. Gospel of John
2:00 Nelson - Eating Out
:30 P.M. Hosting ACTS Cluster
Meeting

:30 P.M. Evangelism Comm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

:30 P.M. World Hunger

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED
SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER, 3 QT. POWDER-
D MILK, TUNA

Lent began on Wednesday and we will observe the first Sunday of Lent as we change our paraments to Purple and hang our Lenten banner. Lent is a preparation period so that we can more adequately celebrate the victory of resurrection. Several disciplines can be meaningful for Lent.

One such discipline is the practice of regular corporate worship on each of the seven Sundays of Lent and Easter. Come expecting to give yourself to God and others as well as to receive.

A second possibility is the following adaptation of an idea of James C. Pippin, namely, Love Through Lent.

FIRST WEEK: THE HAND OF LOVE.

Write a letter a day to a friend, near or faraway (not relatives). Tell someone how much you appreciate him or her.

SECOND WEEK: THE VOICE OF LOVE.

Telephone 2 or 3 people each day for a short chat just to say what they mean to you or to say "Thank You" or "I'm Sorry." Call people

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SERVING FEBRUARY 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Steve Harter and
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-SW, C.
Church-NW, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-NE, E.

Nordblom-NW, K. Taylor-SE, A.

Benny-SW, R. Krull, G. Davis, E.

Conrad, B. Hendricks

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, C. Falbe,

B. S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

315 - Mr. Bill Lehman

LUTHERAN:

572 - Mr. Paul Truby

M202 - Mr. Gus Mueller

M213 - Mrs. Emma Phillips

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Joseph Philip Fox and Irene M.
Current on 2/4/78. They are re-
siding at 4519 Oliver, -06, 456-
1180.

SERMON FOR FEBRUARY 12:

"Do You Want to Be Healed?"

John 5:1-18 - Dr. Cline.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mrs. Kathryn C. Cole on 2/6/78.
She was the wife of Laurell Cole,
a member since 1947. Sympathy is
extended to Laurell and other kin
and friends.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS:

The Elementary three Class for
5th and 6th graders taught by
Sally Cline are asked to bring
snow clothes and sleds to church
with them Sunday. Following wor-
ship at 10:45 A.M., they will go
to the Clines for dinner, then
to Franke Park for sledding, and
will be returned to homes by
4:00 P.M..

SERENDIPITY TRAINING:

Through the recent years we
have had many people travel to
Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis,
or Chicago to participate in
Serendipity events. This year
on Friday, March 17 a One-Day
Leadership Training Seminar will
be led by Lyman Coleman and Dave
Stone at Imperial House in Fort
Wayne from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00
P.M..

We need \$15 for registration
NOW. The Church will pay \$5
for each also. This tuition
includes a Handbook of Serendip-
ity for all participants and the
noon meal and coffee breaks.

Sign up in the Church Office
and turn in \$15 towards this
event in Fort Wayne!

DINNERS OF EIGHT

Several of our sister Christian Churches in Indiana have found Dinners of Eight to be a most successful program for building up fellowship in the life of the congregation. The purposes of the Dinners of Eight are twofold, namely, to acquaint new people in the congregation with other families, and to continue building relationships among different families in the church. We hope to begin this program by the end of February through our Membership Committee.

Each month four couples will gather together for an evening meal and fellowship. There is no program except to come to know each other. Each meal is a modified pitch-in with each couple bringing a dish. If you participate, you will receive a letter each month telling you who is hosting and what you are to bring. This program lasts for four months. After the four months it is hoped that each couple will have shared with other couples.

This program is for any pair--it may be two friends or strangers who team up for this program, in many cases it will be a husband and wife. We are anxious for widows, widowers, and singles to be involved in the program. Find a partner or offer to be placed with another person to form a pair. If you are singles and would like to participate, by all means let us know and we will pair you up with another person.

We desire to know all participants by February 20. If you are interested in joining this program, please call the church office by next Monday evening--744-3239. You may also sign up this Sunday during the Church School or Worship hours or at the Fellowship Hour.

Speak up NOW and share in these opportunities for acquaintance and relationship around the meal table in various homes!

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CALL FOR PAINTERS:

If enough help, Saturday should see completion of day on the hallway and stairway repainting which has been happening. Come this Saturday and work from 9:00 A.M. to finish this task!

VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER:

Families are needed to ask a foreign student at school in Fort Wayne,

into their homes for a meal, a recreation trip, or just to get acquainted. These young people are away from home for the first time and many are very lonely. This can be a very rewarding experience for both sides. You can be a good-will ambassador for our country!

Call Doris Elzey, Coordinator of Voluntary Action Center, 422-4776 if you would be a good-will ambassador.

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you've intended to phone but somehow never have.

THIRD WEEK: THE DEED OF LOVE.

Take something you have made or bought to 2 or 3 friends who mean much to you, but for whom you rarely express your love--a pie, a plant, an apron, a small remembrance that has your love as a wrapping.

FOURTH WEEK: THE HEART OF LOVE.

Make a list of at least 10 people for whom you will pray daily. Include your friends, your enemies, those you don't like. Forgive them if they have wronged you, and ask forgiveness if you have wronged them.

FIFTH WEEK: THE MIND OF LOVE.

Use this week to pray for yourself and look inward. Read the book of JOHN. Plan to go to church early on Palm Sunday, to meditate in the sanctuary.

SIXTH WEEK: THE VICTORY OF LOVE.

This is the week of celebration! God's love for us is revealed in many ways. Get out of doors and breathe in the air of spring. Have friends in for dinner and games. Let your joy be full with life - abundant in faith, hope, and love.

YOUTH BELL CHOIR:

A special and important Youth Bell Choir practice will be held this Sunday from 4:00 to 5:20. If you cannot make the practice, call Mel Bussee at 456-5742. All Chi Rho & CYF Youth are invited!!!

DAY OF RENEWAL: INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Sign up now to go to Kokomo on Saturday, February 25 for a day-long workshop on Intercessory Prayer led by Winifred Smith. The \$5 registration includes the noon meal. Cars will leave at 7:15 A.M. and return by 5:30 P.M.. Contact Mrs. Bixenman, Dr. Cline, or the Church Office.

TERRY WUTHRICH TO CALIFORNIA:

Terry Wuthrich, the son of Willis and Violet Wuthrich of our congregation, is leaving this week on a faith mission as a Lighting and Scenic Designer for Lamb's Players, which is a non-profit Christian theatrical organization dedicated to bringing the Gospel and word of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world through theatre. We wish him God's blessings!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

February 12-18, 1978

Mark Akers	David Johnston
Lillian Breeden	Scott Keebort
Cory Church	Esther Kreiss
Christine Dailey	Robbie Pauley
Winnie Mae Ferguson	Emma Phillips
Nancy Lea Geiselman	Richard Skelton
Wendell Glass	Pauline Snyder
Florence Huddleston	June Williams

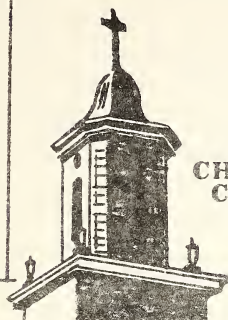
INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP:

This Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 at Trinity English Lutheran of the Stephen series for Lay Ministry. Contact Dr. Cline.

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WORSHIPPING GOD

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:15 P.M. School of C.G.

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

7:30 P.M. Fireside Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 P.M. World Hunger Class

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday morning -- Sermon: "Free to Touch -- To Love" Mark 8:22-26.

-- Children's Choir accompanied by Youth Bell Choir and Chancel Choir during Divine Worship. -- "I . . . exhort you to have but one faith, and one preaching, and one Eucharist. For there is one flesh and the Lord Jesus Christ, and his blood which was shed for us is one; one loaf is broken to all and one cup is distributed among them all." -- Ignatius in letter to Philadelphians, 110 A.D.

CARING FOR OTHERS:

Week of Compassion offering will be received during Church School and in the special offering envelopes during worship. This is over-and-above annual giving for relief in crisis or development through rehabilitation in the name of Christ around the globe. Consider \$1 per meal for one week or \$21 or more dollars! We should easily move over \$1200!

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT

TUNA, NOODLES

SERVING FEBRUARY 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-NW, E. Brown-
SW, C. Hetrick, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. D. Church-NW, C. Cline-
NE, S. Schell-SE, H. Stevenson-SW,
R. Baugher, D. Short, R. Jenkins,
G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevelier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Margaret Love - Cory Church

Robert Rayl - Paul Yentes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Barbara Love, Diana Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. J. Ott, B. Busse,
D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 671 Mr. Paul Truby

595 Mr. Wayne Phillips

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Mildred Young on 2/13/78.
She was a member here from 1954 to
1970 and then transferred back from
Oxford, Ohio in November, 1971.
Sympathy is extended to Jefferson,
her husband, and sons and families.

CONGRATUALTIONS ON BIRTH

To Kenneth & Sherri Smith, a dau-
ghter, Jamie Ann, on 2/8/78. Mat-
ernal grandmother is Anna Taylor
and maternal great-grandparents are
Charles and Ardith Wrisk.

PAPER SALE

The next paper sale sponsored
by our Chi Rho Group will be Mar-
ch 4. Any donations of papers
will be appreciated. Either br-
ing them to the stage in Fellow-
ship Hall before March 4 or, if
you cannot, call the church of-
fice for pick up before March 1.

THANKS

First, I want to thank Rev.
Cline for the many times he came
to see me and pray for me and Mrs.
Bixerman and to people that were
so nice and brought me communion.
God bless them all. And thanks
for all those who sent me cards
and prayed for me while I was in
the hospital. I am home now.

God bless them all may it be
friends or enemies, God said love
them all. We are all his child-
ren while living and forever.

Again I say a big Thank you to
you all and bless us all forever

August Mueller

One really appreciates their
Christian family in time of need.
Thank you all for your expres-
sions of concern--cards, calls,
prayers and food--during and af-
ter my hospital stay.

Barbara Short

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSERY

To Ralph and Doris Richard
who will celebrate their 50th Wed-
ding Anniversery on Sunday, Febru-
ary 19.

ARE YOU REMEMBERING TO FEED A
STARVING CHILD THIS WEEK?

YOUR BOARD IN ACTION - FEBRUARY 7, 1978

The major action of the Board was setting an objective of \$36,000 from First Christian during 1978, 1979, and 1980 as capital outreach to be given through the ACTS Campaign of the Christian Church in Indiana. The first \$12,000 will be directed giving coming from the 22.5% being set aside for capital outreach in this final year of our Building Fund program. The final years will become a part of budget giving in lieu of the end of the Building Fund pledge period. Don Hiscox made a presentation to the Board and met earlier at dinner with the Stewardship and Outreach committees and other leadership.

A letter of resignation from the Board of Trustees from Bruce Lehman was accepted with regret. The meetings conflict with school schedule which has made participation impossible. He is maintaining his other responsibilities as a deacon and as Chi Rho counselor.

The following list of building and equipment needs were presented. Consent was given that the Property, Education and the Worship committees would prioritize their respective items and then the three chairmen would do a composite priority list for submission to the Board during the March meeting. If you have other suggestions or additions, contact the aforementioned committees. The list includes: bus, new chapel lighting fixtures, exterior lighting, burglar alarm system, board room cabinets, youth lounge equipment, parking lot improvements including new basketball backboard, parlor furnishings including carpet, furniture, draperies and minister picture display, cabinets in Fellowship Hall, stage curtain, Chapel draperies, Chapel piano, Library lamp and Stereo system, filing equipment for tapes, filmstrips & scripts, small projection screen, coat hooks on third floor, standing mirror for Nursery, Good News Bibles for Elementary classes, third floor draperies, hall tree for Kindergarten room, records, youth books for library, new skirts for tables used in Wedding Receptions, additional octave of hand bells, children's choir robes, board room, piano in balcony, piano in C pew Bibles in Nave. ~~participate in Education office discipline~~ ship Class series beginning March 5.

Special letters of appreciation and Earl Fusselman for snow removal the reservation of the pavilion an all-church picnic.

PRAYER - Use the weekly listing of members for special intercessory prayer and acts of caring.

GIVING - Give in proportion to resources received so that the Church can fulfill ministries.

(continued)

BOARD (from page three)

The Stewardship analysis for 1977 indicated the following on households:

Giving \$50 or more weekly	7 households
Giving \$20 to \$50 weekly	20 households
Giving \$10 to \$20 weekly	56 households
Giving \$5 to \$10 weekly	56 households
Giving \$2 to \$5 weekly	65 households
Giving 1¢ to \$2 weekly	130 households
	<u>334 households</u>

These figures reflect all who gave anything recordable during 1977 and does not include non-giving members. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church near us recently received commitments for 1978 and 40% pledged \$10 or more per week--we had only 24.8% doing this last year. They had 73% of households giving \$5 per week--we only had 41.6% last year. They included 71 non giving families in their percentage also. Such analysis show the real issues in church giving are both income and commitments.

CHRISTIANS WITHOUT SPOUSES GROUP

The Christians Without Spouses group (whether male or female) will be earring out together this Sunday, February 19. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:30 (after the coffee hour) and will go to the Back-Forty Resturant in Decatur. This is a group strictly for fellowship, and all who come into this category are invited. Phone Miriam Bixenman at the church office or LaVerne Hunt (747-6075) for reservations. Meal is dutch treat. She was a member here from 1954 to 1970 and then transferred back from Oxford, Ohio in November, 1971. Sympathy is extended to Jefferson, her husband, and sons and families.

CONGRATUALTIONS ON BIRTH

To Kenneth & Sherri Smith, a daughter, Jamie Ann, on 2/8/78. Maternal grandmother is Anna Taylor and maternal great-grandparents are Charles and Ardith Wrisk.

CHI RHO

The Chi Rho group will meet at 5:15 this Sunday at the church. We will be planning for an all-church hobby night, which the group wants to sponsor.

On Saturday, February 25, the Chi Rho will be going to Pokagan State Park for snow sports. This is in lieu of the trip postponed earlier because of weather. We will leave the parking lot at 9:00 A.M. and return at 4:30 P.M.

DAY OF RENEWAL COMING

Plan to go to Kokomo for a workshop on Intercessory Prayer on Saturday, Feb. 25. We will leave at 7:15 A.M. and return by about 5:45 P.M. Cost is \$5 which includes the noon meal. Keynoters are Joe & Winifred Smith.

Call the office or talk to Dr. Cline to register now.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:45 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus
9:00 - 4:00 Day of Renewal, South
Side Christian, Kokomo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:15 P.M. Chi Rho leave for Pokagon
5:15 P.M. School of Chr. Growth
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 P.M. Area I Board

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John
12:00 Noon D.M.A.
7:30 P.M. Lafayette Neighborhood
Association, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Almeda
Rice, 3402 River Forest
7:30 P.M. World Hunger Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER,
POWDERED MILK, JELLO, TUNA

WORSHIP - Focus and direct life through
Sunday Worship--join in this Lenter
Season - Sermon: "The Risk of Rela-
tionships" Luke 7:36-50.

COMPASSION - Support emergency aid and
world human needs through Week of
Compassion special giving \$765 re-
ceived so far on our goal of \$1200.

LOVE THROUGH LENT - Follow the weekly
disciplines of expressing love as
printed in THE TIDINGS of Feb. 8.

FELLOWSHIP - All retirees and widows
and widowers are invited next Tues-
day at 12:00 for a Pitch-in.

STUDY - Call the church office and
participate in the next Disciple-
ship Class series beginning March 5.

PRAYER - Use the weekly listing of
members for special intercessory
prayer and acts of caring.

GIVING - Give in proportion to re-
sources received so that the Church
can fulfill ministries.

SERVING FEBRUARY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, B. Pauley-
SW, D. Keebortz, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-NE, D. Wort-
ley-NW, C. Schwartz-SE, B. Love-
SW, M. Byers, M. Akers, R. Orr,
S. Allen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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Barbara Love, Diana Wortley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark and Cindy Akers

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, A. Newman,
K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 496 Mr. Paul Truby

769 Mrs. Vera Sauerwein

ST. JOSEPH: 315 Mr. Al Schell

823 Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

PARKVIEW: 523 Mr. William Halbrook

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Leland and Mary Higgins in the
death of their daughter, Gilda A.
Kabisch last Saturday.

WEDDING OF MEMBER

Cathy Dusing Caldwell to Randy
Katt on 2/14/78. They are resid-
ing at 4025 S. Webster. Congratu-
lations!

Date of the PAPER SALE has been ch-
anged to MARCH 18. All papers sh-
ould be brought to the church be-
fore that day.

CUC'S CHILI SUPPER

The Christians Under Construc-
tion Class will have a Chili Sup-
per at the Widlers, 1918 Bucks-
Drive at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday
March 4. All members and friend
of the class are invited. Cal
the Wileys (432-8279), or the Wi-
lers, (432-2144) if you will at-
tend.

CANCELLED MEETING

The Worship and Pastoral Rela-
tions Committee will not meet o
Tuesday, February 28.

CALLED ELDERS MEETING

All 20 elders are very muc
needed for the Elders meeting o
Monday, March 13 at 7:30 P.M.

THANK YOU NOTES:

The family of Mildred Young ack-
nowledges with deep appreciatio
your kind espression of sympathy
The cards and prayers were a grea
comfort to Mildred during her lon
illness. Dr. Cline's visits wer
especially appreciated. May Go
bless all of you.

Jeff

Dear Members:

Want to thank you for all th
cards and prayers, know they help
ed a lot.

Harvey is coming home Saturda
(2/18), he still can't walk b
himself but will do best we can.

He is so homesick think that i
why we wants to come home.

Thought would like to let yo
know.

Love,

Carrie Smelser

HUNGER STUDY-ACTION GROUP ASKS COOPERATION

Our Hunger Study-Action Group is anxious that all of us become more aware of the magnitude of the hunger problem in our world today. We have learned that more than 460 million people in our world are permanently hungry. We, as a people have tried to help in a number of ways, but this has only been a "drop in the bucket". We now have learned that help can come through working to effect government policies focusing on the pressing issues of world hunger. People are hungry because they are poor.

Few realize that the U.S. spends only one fourth of one percent of its total production on development aid to poor countries. Measured this way, we rank near the bottom of rich western countries in the share of assistance. We can help by using our influence as citizens. We now face crucial choices. Will Congress honor the right-to-food resolutions that attack the cause of hunger here and abroad. What initiatives will President Carter take. These answers may depend on us. Letters to influential people in Washington do help influence their votes.

The study-action group has chosen MARCH 5 as the date for our congregation to send an "offering of letters". Personal letters are best. We urge all of our people to write individual letters, address, and stamp them, and bring them to church this Sunday, February 26. For those who simply feel that they cannot write letters themselves, there will be letters in the Narthex and identical letters in Fellowship Hall for you to sign. These will be dedicated in the worship services on March 5 and mailed.

Letters should be written to: PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON D.C. 20500; BOB BERGLUND, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20500; REP. DAN QUALE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON D.C. 20505; SENATOR RICHARD LUGER, THE SENATE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20510; and SENATOR BIRCH BAYH, THE SENATE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20510. These should urge legislation helping to alleviate the basic causes of World Hunger, and specifically with the passage of the "International Emergency Food Reserve" bill (HR9045) and a similar version in the Senate (S2278).

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - February 26 - March 4, 1978

Jack Brickley	Merle Grimm	George Ludwig	Deborah Rinker
Virginia Clausen	Geraldine Hendrickson	Anita Petty	Gene Shirley
Hazel Crouse	Iva Imbody	Helen Reynolds	Mark Snyder
Charles Fuchshuber	Rosemary Krull	Don Parlette	Diana Wortley

HALLWAY PAINTING

We rejoice in the fresh look from the painting of the hallways and stairways in the Educational and Administrative Wings, the north and south respectively. We thank Virginia Bruckman, Romane Cole, Ramona Ketner, Jerry Zimmerman, Bev Hendricks, Sharon & Bob Pauley, Bob Rayl, Herb Banet, Bruce Lehman, Bill Franklin, Russ Wortley, Merle Grimm, Peg Buskirk, Mark Snyder, Marge Lehman, Jack Williams, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Miriam Bixenman, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Bert Leversee, Mary Lou Hartzler, Andy Cook, Harold Cline and Amelia Dare for their donations of money to purchase paint, so we could finish painting our church. Take a look. Don't the hallways look clean and fresh?

D.M.A. ON TUESDAY THE 28th!

12:00 noon next Tuesday is the time for the monthly pitch-in for our D.M.A. Come with a dish and table service for the meal hosted by Bernice Montgomery, Gwynth Rice, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple.

Bring historical data of First Christian for display and share in the historical materials of our congregation. Help identify names of persons in pictures.

This will also be game day for table games after the dinner and historical look.

CHI RHO

Chi Rho will be going to Pokagan Park for snow sports on Sunday, Feb. 26. They will leave the church at 12:15 P.M. Bring a sack lunch and \$6.00 We will return by 6:30 P.M.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES IN MARCH

Persons are now being enlisted for Discipleship Classes with Dr. Cline during the Church School hour of March and April. These classes are to look at basics of why religion, Bible, Christ, church history, being a Christian, worship and Christian life. Members and friends are encouraged to participate in this special study program. Contact the church office if you will start on March 5 and participate in these two months.

CHURCH TRANSPORTATION

Last week our CYF sent letters inviting persons to be on special lists for transportation on Sunday morning. We are grateful for early replies and transportation was provided for several last Sunday. If you need this help, please return the mailed form.

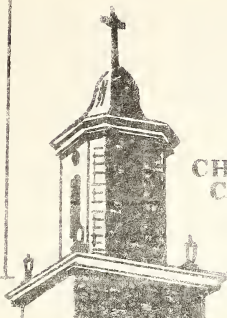
HOME COMMUNION

Our elders and deacons find one of their richest privileges is going into homes with Communion for those who cannot attend. We encourage any sick or homebound to contact the office so that communion can be received either on a regular basis or during a particular illness. This is not considered a bother by our leaders, but rather a privilege and fulfillment. Speak up if you would be willing for communion to be brought every other Sunday morning to your home. Contact the church office.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

6:30 P.M. CUC's Chili Supper,
Widlers, 1918 Buckskin

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Youth Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. School of Chr. Growth

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Val Tay-
lor, 5215 Werling Dr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Marge
Lehman, 4110 Huth Dr.

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 P.M. Hunger Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Opal
Perkins, 717 Union St.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, CAN-
NED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK, CANNED
MEAT

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

Many rich happenings have been among us! It is too bad that our whole congregation could not have been at Kokomo last Saturday to participate in a day focusing on prayer and especially Intercessory Prayer led by Joe & Winifred Smith. It was a WOW!

Yesterday's worship had some beautiful music and various parts were of great depth of meaning and impact to several people! Worship is the center of our community life as a congregation.

Today in leading a funeral for our elder emeritus, Al Schell, it was something quite meaningful to have our present elder, Bert Leversee, leading in prayer with the knowledge that he was leaving from this funeral to go help bury his own 97 year old mother in Iowa. Word of her death had been received on Sunday, but he waited to share this responsibility for a brother in Christ.

Thank you for the rich experiences which I have enjoyed! I wish all had the same privilege as I!

March begins this week and is climaxed by Palm Sunday on the 19th and Easter on the 26th! Let's be present all four Sundays of March in worship! The sermon Sunday is "TAKE HEART" based on Mark 10:46-52.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MARCH 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-
SW, M. Hartman, C. Church
10:45 A.M. A. Benny-NE, G. Davis-
NW, E. Conrad-SW, M. Crouse, K.
Taylor, M. Finkhousen, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Short - B. Lehman
B. Taylor - M. Hartman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom and Rosemary Krull

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee
10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, P. Bickel,
B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M217-Mrs. Carole Lee
PARKVIEW: 523 Mr. Bill Halbrook
503 Mr. Ed Wooldridge
435 Mrs. Helen Sheerin
527 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Jim and Becky Stucky, a son,
Jeremy Alan on 2/24/78. Maternal
grandparents are Clair & Peggy Bus-
kirk. Paternal grandparents are
John & Ruth Stucky.

BOARD MEETING: All board members
are needed for several actions next
Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 P.M.

25th ANNIVERSARY PICTURE ORDERS
MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR ON SUNDAY MORNING.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

March 5-11, 1978

Charlie Atwood	Cecil Rice
Wm. Branstrator	Edith Rouch
Dessie Buchman	Claire Schryver
Carol Cline	Beth Schwartz
Anita Fitch	John Steigerwald
Reba Fusselman	Mike Stone
Mildred Jewell	Warren Webster
Eugene Klepfer	Michael Mullen

FUNERAL OF ELDER EMERITUS

Al Schell on 2/27/78. Al served
as a deacon starting in 1933 and
seven terms as an elder before be-
ing elected Elder Emeritus. Sym-
pathy is extended to his wife,
Emma, and the children and their
families.

THANKS

We wish to thank Dr. Cline and
our many friends in First Christ-
ian Church who have given us so
many kind thoughts and prayers
during our recent sorrow.

The Leland Higgins Family
(Ed. note: Thank you for the
flowers from the funeral in wor-
ship on 2/26)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Bert Leversee in the death
of his mother, Harriett Leversee,
in Iowa on 2/27/78.

TO DAY OF RENEWAL

Dean & Elsie Widler, Harold &
Ruby Cline, Miriam Bixenman, and
Helen Howard went from here for
the exceptional day spent on In-
tercessory prayer led by Joe &
Winifred Smith on Feb. 25. Steve
& Tana Harter turned back becau-
se of the extreme ice after being
registered.

MEMORIAL GIFTS - JULY 1, 1976 - FEBRUARY 19, 1978

THE FOLLOWING UNDESIGNATED gifts of \$1,223.50 to our Memorial Funds are divided and used according to our standing policy:

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Earnings are currently assisting Steve Doles and Ron Connorly at Taylor University and Princeton Theological Seminary respectively and have paid for Summer Intern Programs.

ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND - Earnings support the basic church when they accumulate.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND - The whole fund goes for major building and equipment needs upon action of board and congregation.

CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND - The whole fund goes annually for basic Capital Outreach projects of mission, education, or benevolence of the Christian Church annually.

IN MEMORY OF HAZEL HERNDON

Friendly Class

IN MEMORY OF LEE FISHER

Progressive Class, Neighborhood Friends, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zollner, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Klepfer, Mr. & Mrs. Calo Mahlock, Mrs. Ethel Birkhold, Mr. Alex Campbell, H.F. Simon, Marjorie Braden & Alice Stiles, Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly Family, Helen Hester, Mrs. Joe Chamnes & Mrs. Bernell Fisher, Chuck, Marilyn & Family, Mrs. Hugo Antl, Mr. & Mrs. C. Michael Byers, Mr & Mrs. Charles Eppler, Mrs. Pearl Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Frank LaPointe.

IN MEMORY OF AUDREY HELMUTH

Progressive Class, Lydia Beckman, Fay Wartzok

IN MEMORY OF ELAINE CONRAD

Progressive Class, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, Mrs. Barton Johnson, Louise Dillman, Clarence Fely

IN MEMORY OF HILDRED FAVORV

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IN MEMORY OF GRACE THARP

Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Members & Friends of First Christian Church

IN MEMORY OF LONA MILLER

Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Robert Donahue, Friendly Class, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp

IN MEMORY OF HUGH RICE

Progressive Class, Bible Study Class (William & Hazel Crouse, Fred & Rychie Smell, Edna Vaught, William & Mamie Caldwell), Lozier & Betty
(Continued on page four)

Ziegler, Robert Ripple Family, Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mrs. Wanda Ingmire, Dr. & Mrs. Karb Bernhard & family, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Ripple, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ripple, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Lois Steup, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weicker, Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ora Davis, Mrs. Marie Schroeder, Beech Grove Christian Church, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman & Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mr. & Mrs. Ennis Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mowery & Mrs. Susan Jones, Lorraine Libs, Lucy Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Art Huddleston, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Plummer, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Church, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder, Ellen Crowder, Mr. & Mrs. Rick McQueen, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas McGill, The Allen Russell Family, Mrs. D.J. Schmidt, The William Benny Family

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THE FOLLOWING ARE DESIGNATED MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of MINNIE COOK by Andrew Cook - Gift to Cleveland Christian Home

In Memory of AUDREY HELMUTH by Spice Group - Library Books

In Memory of ELAINE CONRAD by Fellowship Guild - Library Books

In Memory of MR. & MRS. RUSSELL BUSKIRK by Mr. & Mrs. Clair Buskirk & Family - Nursery Equipment

In Memory of HAZEL FIRESTONE for new Choir Robes - Friendly Class, New Century Club, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Konow, Mildred Drake, Cynthia McRill, Mr. & Mrs. K. Rosswurm, The Earl Watsons, The Charles Watsons, The William Menges.

ALL THESE GIFTS ARE LISTED IN PERMANENT RECORD IN OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE WHICH IS IN OUR NARTHEX. THESE GIFTS KEEP WORKING FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 A.M. Christian Education
Workshop here

11:00 A.M. Learning to Know
Jesus

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:00 P.M. School of Christian
Growth

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Dr. Martin Marty Lec-
ture at First Presbyterian

MONDAY, MARCH 13

1:30 P.M. Guild, Pearl Heidecker,
2445 Fairfield, Apt. 313

7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

12:00 Noon Nelson Group, LaVerne
Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd.

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 P.M. Fireside Group,
Benny's, 7710 Newlin

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA,
CANNED VEGETABLES, POWDERED
MILK, SOUP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Worships at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.
Sermon: "JOY IN RELATIONSHIP" Mat-
thew 25:1-13; Charlie Newman singing
"The Holy City" both hours. The Ch-
ancel Choir singing at 10:45 A.M.

Celebration Worship will give way
to the special lecture by Martin Mar-
ty at First Presbyterian Church at
7:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday worships at 8:15 and
10:45 A.M. - Men's Quartet singing
and Youth Bell Choir playing both
hours. - Sermon: "HOW CAN GOD USE MY
GAME PLAN?" Mark 9:2-8 - Children's
Choir and Chancel Choir at 10:45 A.M.

HOLY WEEK

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - Tuesday,
March 21 at 11:30 A.M.

Spice Group serving and decorating
Barbara Short narrating a tape by
South African, Ms. Motalepula Cha-
baku dealing with the inside of world
hunger and oppression.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION 7:30

P.M. in our Worship Nave - A sp-
ecial Tenebrae Service of seating
(continued on page four)

SERVING MARCH 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl-NW, B. Lehman-
SW, S. Thompson, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. D. Short-NW, R. Baugh-
er-NE, R. Jenkins-SE, B. Hendricks-
SW, D. Church, C. Cline, S. Schell,
H. Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordblom

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ramona Ketner, Mike & Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, B. Busse,
C. Cline

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. B. Short

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

624 Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW:

523 Mr. Bill Halbrook

527 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

ST. JOSEPH:

607 Mrs. M. Helen Miller

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS!

To Mark and Rosemary Krull, a
daughter, Rebecca Ruth, on 3/1/78.

To Carl and Beth Schwartz, a
daughter, Hillary Alisa, on 3/4/
78.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our giving to date is \$905.57
towards our desired goal of \$1200
in this over-and-above giving.
Send any extra giving for this by
mail or this Sunday the 12th at
the latest!

FEBRUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship	272
Church School	121
Through-the-Week Ed.	29
Budget Giving	\$2,455.45
Building Fund	268.07

BUDGET GIVING - NINE WEEKS

Weekly Need	\$2,436.00
Nine Week Need	\$21,924.00
Nine Week Giving	\$21,740.10
Shortage	\$ 183.90

Let's move ahead of weekly needs
during March! We are off to a
good start in spite of our bliz-
zard Sunday which knocked us so
hard!

IMPORTANT ELDERS MEETING

We are looking for 100% partici-
pation by our elders this coming
Monday, March 13, at 7:30 P.M. in
the Conference Room. None have
reported conflicts and thus the
date is clear for all to be pre-
sent!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 12-18, 1978

Daniel Auer	Irene Kissinger
Vaughn Brickley	Jean McGrew
Mamie Caldwell	Mike O'Laughlin
Marjorie Copeland	Emma Schell
Virginia Englehart	Wm. Schilling
Teresa Gardner	Myrna Steigerwald
Betty Harter	Patrice Stucker
Gordon Howell	Miles Zimmerman

LEARNING AND GROWTH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP - SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 11

A community workshop sponsored by Associated Churches will be in our building this Saturday morning from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Workshops will focus on Day Camping, Working with Junior High Youth, and the new Church School curriculum beginning this fall. Cost is \$2.00. Come and learn and grow!

DR. MARTIN MARTY LECTURE - 7:00 P.M., SUNDAY MARCH 12

Our Celebration Worship will give way to the First Presbyterians's Lectures in Theology presenting Dr. Martin Marty on the theme, "THE MARKS OF AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY." He is professor of the History of Modern Christianity at the University of Chicago and is a leading Christian spokesman through speaking and writing. A reception will follow the lecture to meet this distinguished theologian, author, teacher, and long-time resident of New Haven.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP AT IMPERIAL HOUSE, FORT WAYNE, MARCH 17

Cyman Coleman is coming to Fort Wayne to lead a workshop from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Imperial House on Washington Center on Friday, March 17. We have had about 60 of our people to Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, and Indianapolis for previous workshops. Here is the same opportunity right here in Fort Wayne on a Friday. We must receive registrations by Sunday the 12th. Join our group participating in this growth and depth event. Presently registered are Miriam Bixenman, Opal Carpenter, Harold Cline, Karen Flickinger, Bob & Sharon Pauley, and Laura York. Cost is \$15 which includes the noon meal. Participants need to plan for the full day from 9-6 for this intensive event.

C.W.F. QUADRENNIAL AT PURDUE - JUNE 26-30

Word has been received that this gathering of 5,000 women is likely to be full before the registration deadline of May 1. Thus action needs to be taken now by all planning or thinking of attending. This is a very rich program opportunity for women. Scholarship aid is possible for half of the cost by writing a request as soon as possible and no later than April 15 from the Edna Vaught Investment in Love Fund. These requests need to be received in the church office. Present registrants include Miriam Bixenman, Ruby Cline, Amelia Dare, and Nancy Wortley. Carol Cline is representing Indiana youth at the Assembly as a special steward. REGISTER SOON before it is closed!

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES AT BARBEE

Camp 5 & 6	June 26-July 1	Howard Bowers, Director
Camp 5-8	July 2-8	Donald Kaufman, Director

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SUMMER CAMPS & CONFERENCES (from page three)

Camp 7 & 8	July 10-15	Ted Forbes, Director
Camp 5 & 6	July 17-22	Drexel Rankin, Director
Camp 7 & 8	July 24-29	Don McCord, Director
Camp 9 & 10	July 30-August 5	Don & Mary Lynn, Directors
Camp 11 & 12	August 6-12	Jim Miller, Director

HOLY WEEK EVENTS (from page 1)

the disciples, communing with Christ, and reliving the mood of departure for tragedy.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS

1:30 P. M. at Christ United Methodist Church. Jim Eshelman, of Lincolnshire preaching, John Tobian of Calvary Presbyterian presiding, and music by First Christian.

7:30 P.M. at Grace United Church of Christ - Drama: "TRAIL AND ERROR" written by Bill Dixon, directed by John Tolley, and presented by Presbyterian Players.

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 26

Worships at 8:15 and 10:45 A. M. with both Bell Choir and Chancel Choir - Sermon: "HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" - John 11:1-44. Celebrate Christ's victory of life and love.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION - 7:00 P. M.

MARCH PAPER DRIVE

Chi Rho Fellowship will have a paper drive on Saturday, March 18. Bring papers to the church by 9:00 A.M. or call for pick up if necessary.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Dr. Cline will begin his spring Discipleship Class series next Sunday the 12th in Room 132 during the Church School hour. Every member and friend is encouraged to participate in one of these series at one time or another.

The class deals with Why Christianity, the Bible, Christ, Church History, What Is a Christian, establishing Christian relationship, worship and Christian life. It will run through March and April. Please call Dr. Cline if you will be participating. Here is a time to deal with basics and to ask questions and learn in a small class group with the pastor.

REGIONAL MINISTER RESIGNS

Dr. Gilford E. Olmsted resigned as Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana as of April 28 in order to assume the pastorate of the Vine Street Christian Church in Nashville. He had served in Indiana for 6 years.

A Special Reception honoring Gilford and Denise Olmsted will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 23, at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

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JOIN WITH US DURING HOLY WEEK, 1978

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - PALM SUNDAY

Sermon: "HOW CAN GOD USE MY GAME PLAN?" - Mark 9:2-8, Youth Bell Choir and Men's Quartet at 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Children's Choir & Chancel Choir singing at 10:45 A.M. "INSIDE I TREMBLE" by Keith Miller at 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 - WOMEN'S SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - 11:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. - Spice Group serving and decorating; World Hunger and Oppression via tape by South African Ms. Motalepula Chabaku narrated by Barbara Short.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 - MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M.

Characterization of the Twelve as they are seated and leave the Upper Room - Duet by Mel Busse & Glenn Beckmeyer & Chancel Choir Singing. An Upper Room experience with Jesus.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS - 1:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Community Worship at Christ United Methodist Church in 1100 block of McKinnie - Solo by Charles Newman, Quartet by Bob Orr, Charles Newman, Linda Peterson and Sara Davis - Sermon by James Eshelman of Lincolnshire. John Tobian of Calvary Presbyterian presiding. Come at 1:30.
Drama: "TRIAL AND ERROR" by First Presbyterian Players directed by John Tolley and written by Bill Dixon at 7:30 P.M. at Grace United Church of Christ at Lexington and Webster.

ASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - RESURRECTION DAY CELEBRATION

Sermon: "HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" John 11:1-44. Chancel Choir accompanied by Bell Choir singing at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

SERVING MARCH 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Margaret Love
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, P. Yentes-
SW, C. Hetrick-NW, B. Pauley
10:45 A.M. B. Love-NE, M. Akers-
NW, M. Byers-SE, R. Orr-SW, G.
Falbe, W. Bowen, C. Schwartz, D.
Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ken & Elinor Place, Dave & Debbie
Rinker

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Miller - B. Love;
B. Leversee-E. Brown; R. & B. Hen-
dricks

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza
10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, S. Thomp-
son, B.S. Johnson

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. A. Benny

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 460 Mr. Wendall Glass
624 Mr. Arthur Mowery
671 Mr. Paul Truby

ST. JOSEPH:

504 Mrs. Florence Griffith
607 Mrs. M. Helen Miller

PARKVIEW: 527 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Terry and Rosie Miller, a dau-
ghter, Heidi Diane, on 2/16/78.

BOOK DISPLAY AND SALE

Religious Books from Word, Inc.
will be displayed in our Fellow-
ship Hall from Saturday, March 18
through Sunday, March 26.

CALL FOR HELP - WOMEN

Any woman who could help with
the CWF Eastergifts to persons on
our special care group are asked
to be at the church at 9:30 A.M.
on Wednesday, March 22.

GIVING IS NEEDED

We paid a bill of \$2,810 this
week for repairs on our radiator
piping. Giving is needed to keep
us in the black!

TO HEAR MARTIN MARTY

Sixteen of our people heard
Martin Marty at First Presbyter-
ian on "THE MARKS OF AUTHENTIC
SPIRITUALITY" on Sunday evening
including Miriam Bixenman, John
& Betty Briggs, Peg Buskirk,
Harold & Ruby Cline, Joyce Crowe,
Ron & Karen Flickinger, Steve &
Tana Harter, Rose Jenkins, Shar-
on Pauley, Jack & Janet Weicker,
and Laura York.

THANKS TO CHURCH

*Your kindness and sympathy are
more deeply appreciated than any
word of thanks can ever express.
Thanks also to Dr. Cline for his
sympathy and assistance during
our bereavement.*

The Family of Alfred Schell

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE THIS
SATURDAY!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - MARCH 7, 1978

The resignation of Arthur Mowery as Custodian was accepted with regret and the offer was received to accept work done by Ruby through March.

The following BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT PRIORITY LIST was approved for special gifts. 1. Storm Windows, 2. Mini-bus, 3. Adult choir robes, 4. Chapel Lighting, 5. Choir Loft Baffles, 6. Parking Lot Improvements, 7. Burglar Alarm System, 8. Coat Racks for Educational Third Floor, 9. Good News Bibles for Educational Third Floor, 10. Children's Choir Robes, 11. Closet Kitchenette for Conference Room, 12. Exterior Building Lighting. 13. Pool Table Balance, 14. Stage Curtain for Fellowship Hall, 15. Replace Cabinets in Fellowship Hall, 16. New Piano for Worship Nave and move of present to Chapel, 17. Additional octave of Handbells, 18. Classroom Draperies for Third Floor Educational Wing, 19. Chapel Window Draperies, 20. Conference Room Draperies, 21. Parlor: New Carpet, Furniture, Draperies, 22. New Piano for Balcony, 23. New Hymnals 24. Hall tree for Kindergarten Room, 25. Standing Mirror for 2-3 Year Old Room, 26. Choir Room Piano, 29. Choir Room Ceiling, 30. Olympia Electric Portable Typewriter for Education Office. 31. Ping Pong Table for Youth Lounge.

The \$36,000 approved for our objective in the ACTS Campaign of the Christian Church in Indiana will be directed to three specific objects, namely: \$10,400 for a New Entrance and Roads at Indian Lake, \$10,000 to purchase a Land Rover in Zaire under the Division of Overseas Ministries, and \$15,600 for the development of new congregations in Indiana.

A recommendation of introducing by information one of our Overseas Mission personnel each month and holding this person in Intercessory Prayer both in public and private worship among our congregation was approved.

A day of Global Concern was approved to be held annually during October or early November including a guest speaker and a dinner. Sunday, April 9th, was approved as Blanket Sunday to bring a blanket or \$4 to buy a blanket for use of Church World Service.

Upon recommendation of the Education Committee, June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29 was set for Vacation Church School plus other Adventure Days for the children during the summer.

Approval was given and \$25 voted to participate in the Consultation on Church and Urban Strategy on April 21-29, 1978.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 2, 1978.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

11:00 A.M. Learning to Know Jesus

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. School of Chr. Growth

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

11:30 A.M. Sacrificial Luncheon

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Worship
at Christ United Methodist

7:30 P.M. Drama, "TRIAL AND
ERROR" at Grace United Church
of Christ

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, POWDERED
MILK, TUNA, JELLO, PUDDING

BIG BROTHERS - BIG SISTERS

Would you like to be a Big Brother or Big Sister to a child who needs you? There are over 100 boys and girls from ages 6-15 who need a friend. The aim of the program is to offer an opportunity "to further their growth and development through friendship with adults they can admire and with whom they can communicate." For further information, call 422-7511.

The Outreach Committee

THE DISPLAY OF PAINTING BY DOROTHY GREEN IN THE LIBRARY WILL COME DOWN AT THE END OF MARCH. ANY WANTING TO PURCHASE PAINTING SHOULD DO SO NOW.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Participating in the Educational Workshop which was hosted in our building on March 11 were Cindy Akers, Miriam Bixenman, Karen Flickinger, Steve Harter, Mildred Hartman, Bruce Lehman, Sharon Pauley, Nila Schilling, Dean Widler, and Jerry Zimmerman.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Special giving for this once-a-year special giving for meeting world crises and human needs now totals \$991.57--we will hold it open through the 19th for any last giving towards our goal of \$1200. Make clear any giving designated for this purpose!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER MARCH 19-25, 1978

Sue Allen	David Overby
Tim Briggs	Eural Rose
Arlynn Call	Dorothy Schmidt
Robert Coleman	Fred Smell
Kathryn Eich	Elva Stephens
John Gerrard	Jim Stucky
Jane Hart	Thelma Swift
Mary McCarthy	Willis Wuthrich

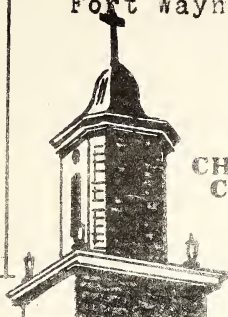
LEARNING POSSIBILITY

Two classes related to the psychology of C.G. Jung are being offered by Dean L. Frantz, a practicing Jungian analyst. The first is "Dreams--Keys to Understanding Life's Meaning, Monday evening, April 3-May 22. Secondly, "C.G. Jung--the Man and His Ideas" Tuesday evenings, April 4-May 23. For further information, call Dean Frantz, (Home) 432-9111, (Office) 485-8337.

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WORSHIP AND HONOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA!" "EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING FROM NOW ON!" resound as we worship as a community in highest celebration this Sunday. At 8:15 A.M. or 10:45 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. Participate in a Church School class at 9:30 A.M.

MUSIC

Music by our several choirs highlighted our Palm Sunday Worship. Our Chancel Choir will sing three anthems during each morning worship, namely, "God's Son Has Made Me Free", "Lives Once Again Our Glorious King", and "Canon of Praise." The Youth Hand Bell Choir will accompany the last mentioned anthem.

SERMON

Scripture and Proclamation will focus on "JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE." Read John 11:1-44. Do we have the courage to die to the failures of the past and to the limitations of the present and the courage to be reborn to new life? May the living word of Jesus Christ bring new life and transformation!

EXPECT

EXPECT to give self in praise and love to Jesus. EXPECT his ministering to the deepest needs of life. EXPECT other people and give them the richness of your worship and life. EXPECT the same power which raised Jesus to be the daily enabling power of life.

THANKSGIVING

Our Communion experience gives thanks to God for the victory won through our Lord Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God for the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!

SERVING MARCH 26

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and
Ralph Church

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-NW, B. Paul-
ey-SW, D. Keebortz, C. Church

10:45 A.M. S. Allen-NE, M. Fink-
housen-NW, M. Crouse-SE, K. Taylor-
SW, E. Nordblom, R. Jenkins, R.
Krull, G. Davis

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

Communion Preparation

Eunice Conrad & Bev Hendricks

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bob & Sharon Pauley, Laura York,
Opal Carper

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. C. Akers, J. Ott,
D. Wortley

2-3 Year Old Helper

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 527 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

ST. JOSEPH: 607 Mrs. Helen Miller

413 Mr. Harvey Smelser

404 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

703 Mrs. Jane Cuellar

LUTHERAN: 624 Mr. Arthur Mowery

464 Mr. Wendall Glass

347 Mrs. Nila Schilling

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:

Mrs. Irene Kissinger is recuper-
ating at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. Joe Stamm, 5467 Rothman, 46815.

D.M.A. NEXT TUESDAY

The DMA will meet at 9:00 A.M.
next Tuesday for an excursion to
Hyerley's Bakery in Ossian where
we are expected at 9:30 A.M.

The Group will return and
share a Potluck Dinner here at
12:00 noon hosted by Dessie
Buchman, Irene Cline, Fern
Strole, and Esther Whitton.
Table Games will be shared after
the meal for those desiring to
stay.

We will also be signing up for
the trip to Souder Museum--a
Farm and Craft Village in Archi-
bold, Ohio, on April 25.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 1978

Herb Banet

Linda Breedon

Judy Church

Chloe Connor

Ronald Elliott

John Hechler

Greg Heiney

Carolyn Hendricks

William Kerley

Sue Ann Ludwig

Joan Ott

Carole Overmyer

John Roush

Kurt Schryver

Carolyn Webster

Lillie Whitbey

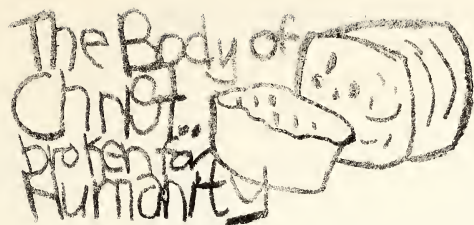
SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Ethel Birkhold in the
death of her sister last week
in Maryland.

To Carol Collins in the re-
cent death of her father in
Jonesboro, Indiana.

CHARLIE NEWMAN TO SING

Charlie Newman will be a solo-
ist with the Philharmonic Chorus
singing Bach's "B Minor Mass" th-
is Saturday evening, March 25, at
8:00 P.M. in the Performing Arts
Center. Tickets are \$4.00.



M_A_U_N_D_Y

T_H_U_R_S_D_A_Y

C_O_M_M_U_N_I_O_N 7:30 P.M.

A very special upper room experience with Jesus and the Twelve will be held this Thursday to make deep within our midst the institution of the Lord's Supper and to make personal identification with the personalities of the Disciples and their actions in going forth from Jesus. Every person in vital relationship with Christ is urged to participate in this special experience.

Our Chancel Choir will sing, "I WONDER WHY?" and Sara Davis and Judi Hoagland will sing a duet. Dr. Cline will lead in the seating, characterizations, and departure of the upper room personalities. Child Care will be provided for preschoolers.

G_O_O_D F_R_I_D_A_Y

A_F_T_E_R_N_O_O_N W_O_R_S_H_I_P 1:30 P.M.



We are joining in a community worship at Christ United Methodist Church in the 1100 block of East McKinnie at 1:30 P.M. Friday. Our Chancel Choir is singing and Charlie Newnan is singing, "THE HOLY CITY." James Eshelman of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren is preaching. Other pastors participating include Jim Miller of Epworth Methodist, Mel Seegar of Christ United Methodist, John Tobian of Calvary Presbyterian, and Dr. Cline.

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G 7:30 P.M.

The Presbyterian Players are presenting, "TRIAL AND ERROR", an original drama about Pontius Pilate written by Bill Dixon and directed by John Tolley. The drama will be held at Grace United Church of Christ (located at the corner of Lexington and Webster) at 7:30 P.M.

E_A_S_T_E_R G_I_V_I_N_G F_O_R O_T_H_E_R_S

One of four annual special day offerings undergirds the basic Christian Church outreach. Our Easter offering in special envelopes or designated such or given during Church School is one of these. Help us reach \$1,000 this Sunday!

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EASTER GIVING (from page three)

Here are some instances of work done:

--Mr. X who came by ambulance to live at one of our Benevolent Homes with only hospital gowns in his wardrobe. He hadn't been out of bed for more than two years. But care--"what we do best"--made a difference. Within a week he was up, dressed and off to cheer others there.

--Bill Y who was at that point in college where he had to decide which way to go--Christian ministry or lion of industry. He took a STEEM, that is, Short Term Employment Experiences in Ministry job for the summer in a downtown church. Result: Christians 1 - Lions 0. The congregation found that a little extra steem brought new vitality and renewed hopes.

CHURCH CALENDAR

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9:30 A.M. Gospel of John

7:00 P.M. Curriculum Preview
in Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

BABY FORMULA, POWDERED MILK,

JELLO, PUDDING MIX, CANNED

TUNA and MEAT

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our total special giving for this cause ended at \$1,000. Thanks to all who shared in this effort for others!

CALL FOR REGULAR GIVING - SUNDAY
MARKS THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER

FINAL CALL DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

The Pastor is meeting regularly in Room 132 for the current Discipleship Series. New participants might still join this group for the coming weeks through April this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. We deal with basics of Christ, church, being Christian, worship and Christian life. COME THIS SUNDAY! Contact Dr. Cline if you have questions or could do some preparatory reading.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The Letter of First John will be a six week study after the spring vacation season. Dr. Cline will lead the series using THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE by William Barclay. Four times are offered but any group must include at least 6 by Sunday April 9.

Sunday evening, 5:15-6:45, April 9-May 14.

Monday evening, 7:00-8:30 P.M. April 10-May 15.

Tuesday morning, 9:30-11:00 April 11-May 16.

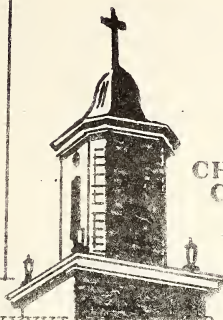
Thursday afternoon, 1:15-2:45 April 13-May 18.

Cost: \$5 for the text book.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:14 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. "Sing-Along Celebration

MONDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba
Fusselman, 6009 Bluffton Rd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, at
the church

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 A.M. Sewing Day

PANTRY NEEDS: BABY FORMULA,
POWDERED MILK, JELLO, PUDDING
MIX, CANNED TUNA & MEAT

STEVE DOLES PREACHING

Steve Doles, who has worked on our staff as an intern for two summers and a student associate for one summer, will preach and lead in the worship hours this Sunday, April 2, as the Easter Season continues until Pentecost.

Steve is finishing his senior year at Taylor University at Upland this year. He is one of two student Associates to the college chaplain. It is likely that he will take a similar position on a full-time basis during the next academic year.

In addition to the morning hours Steve will be leading a "Sing-along with Steve" at 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship will focus on the singing, prayer, and the closing communion. Prior to the Celebration Sing, Steve will be joining the CYF for its regular weekly meeting at 5:30 P.M.

APRIL MISSION PERSONNEL FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

John and Yvonne Huegal - John was born of missionary parents in Mexico, has served as a rural pastor, evangelistic campaign leader, and urban pastor, and now serves as professor of preaching and interpretation at Union Seminary in Mexico City.

SERVING APRIL 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-NW, E.

Brown-SW, D. Keebortz, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad-NE, S. Schell-

NW, B. Hendricks-SE, C. Cline-SW,
H. Stevenson, R. Baugher, D. Short,
D. Church

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz, Rose Jenkins

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. W. Love - M. Akers

S. Harter - D. Wortley

R. Church - D. Church

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

M. & P. Tobias; D. & B. Short
NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, L. Wiley,

K. Johnson

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. C. Akers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

624 Mr. Arthur Mowery

Mrs. Gwynth Rice scheduled for
entry and surgery 3/29.

ST. JOSEPH:

413 Mr. Harvey Smelser

508 Mr. Harold Nordblom

417 Mrs. Gladys Myers

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Cory Church in the achievement
of the Eagle Award in Scouting
which was presented last Thursday
night.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

\$867.32 has been received to
date in this special giving. We
encourage persons to use special
envelopes or clearly mark regular
envelopes to increase the giving
to \$1,000.

NEW CHOIR ROBES

Our Chancel Choir used their new
robes this past Sunday after Mel
and Barb Busse drove to Champaign,
Illinois to pick them up so that
they could be used on Easter.
Their cost ran higher than expect-
ed and thus overruns the choir's
funds and the bazaar money by \$242.
Any specially marked gifts for
Choir robes would be appreciated.

STAFF VACATIONS:

Dr. Cline left Wednesday the
29th for an eleven day trip to
Florida. He will fly back on Sat-
urday evening, April 8.

Miriam Bixenman will participate
in the General Educare Event at
French Lick on April 7-12 and leave
from their for a trip to Florida
extending from the 12th through
the 27th.

Please call the office if there
are emergencies or special needs
of pastoral care.

THANK YOU:

Many thanks to Harold Cline and
Miriam Bixenman and the many of
our friends for their cards and
visits during Paul's illness.

Paul and Grace Truby

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/SHARED APPROACHES RESOURCES HERE

Something new is available in Christian Education. Eleven major denominations, including the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) have formed a partnership known as Joint Educational Development. JED, as this group is known, have been working together for the past nine years to develop new curriculum materials for Christian Education in the church. The best writers have worked to bring us the best possible resources.

One of the new things about these materials is that there is a wide choice, something to fit every local church covering an age span from birth to grave. These choices fall under four headings, or approaches to studying the Bible. Every piece is very Bible oriented. These four approaches are known as: Knowing the Word, Living the Word, Interpreting the Word, and Doing the Word.

Our Christian Education Committee, under the leadership of Jerry Zimmerman, has been working to become familiar with these approaches and to get ready to make a choice between them. However, we do not want it to be just our choice. We want the entire church to enter into the decision. Questionnaires have been used by the Church School classes, teachers and education committee to this date.

Now we are ready for everyone to see the materials and help us choose. To facilitate this, material for children through grade 6 will be on display in the church library all of the next two weeks. Youth and adult materials will be on display the following two weeks. We urge you to visit our library and look over these resources. Paper and pencils will be available for you to make comments. Please let us know your feelings concerning what you want your children to study and what you want to study yourself by writing your feelings on the paper at the displays.

SPRING BANQUET RESERVATION

DEADLINE!

Reservations are needed for the Spring Banquet for all women of the church by April 16. The Banquet will be Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 P.M. Even though the dinner will be pot luck, the committee needs to know the number attending. Guests are most welcome. Call number coming to Leesa Jump, 432-7180, or Pat Mullen, 745-9154.

SEWING DAY PLANNED

All ladies of the church are invited to the CWF sponsored Sewing Day, April 7 at 10:00 A.M. Bring a sack lunch, your own thread, scissors & sewing machine if available. We will be making bibs and hospital gowns for Emily Flinn Home. Collect and bring men's sport or dress shirts any color or print for gowns and hand towels & tape for bibs. Sheets are also needed for cancer pads. There are some items to crochet or knit.

GREETINGS IN OUR RISEN LORD!

An ice covering of trees, walks, and roads on Saturday and Sunday played havoc with people moving about. We regret that many especially among the older ones were prevented from adding to our worship participation and celebration.

The most favorable comments ever expressed about an experience of worship were given concerning our Maundy Thursday communion. The Community Good Friday worship and evening drama were among the best ever. There was a solid Easter message ringing through our Sunday experience.

Because so many were prevented from participation, I rejoice that the Easter and Resurrection Season in the church continues for six more Sundays. Let the victory of life and love through the risen Lord be expressed weekly in this period leading up to Pentecost Sunday on May 14.

I look forward to these coming weeks with great anticipation. I am taking a personal break in 11 days of vacation right now for "sun, sand, sea, and relaxation in Florida with Ruby and Carol." I will be back to preach on April 9th!

God bless you all!

Harold E. Clunie

REGISTER FOR FIRST JOHN

A six week study of the First Letter of John will be offered beginning April 9. The two week-day classes assured by present enrollees. Six is the minimum for any of the groups. Call the church office NOW to participate in this study of a basic letter of the New Testament utilizing THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE by William Barclay.

SUNDAY EVENING, 5:15-6:45 P.M.,
April 9 - May 14.

MONDAY EVENING, 7:00-8:30 P.M.,
April 10 - May 15.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:30-11:00 A.M.,
April 11 - May 16.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:15-2:45 P.M.,
April 13 - May 18.

COST: \$5 for the text book.

MARCH AVERAGES

Church Worship	330
Church School	134
Budget Giving	\$2,728.42
Building Fund	207.93
Through-the-Week	
Christian Ed.	27

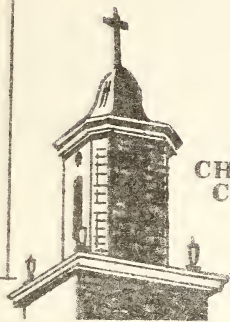
MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 2-8, 1978

Mike Akers	Vernabelle
Virginia Brown	McCandless
Clevajean Case	Chris McDougale
Julia Crouse	Gail Roe
Wilberta Edington	Sue Skelton
Corna Harnish	Marshall Smith
Eileen Klepfer	Helen Steigerwald
Brett Lucas	Denise Weddell
John Huegal	Linda Wiley
Yvonne Huegal	

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:00 P.M. Bell Choir
11:30 P.M. Youth Groups
12:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma
9:30 P.M. Brummel Group,
Betty Briggs, 5807 Fernwood

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:30 A.M. I John Class
12:00 Noon Nelson Group Eat Out

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 A.M. Rivera Group,
9:15 P.M. I John Class
10:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
BABY FORMULA, CANNED VEGETABLES

"A DREAM TO SHARE -- A STORY
TO TELL"

This theme will be highlighted in special experiences at Celebration Worship for the coming weeks. These will be developmental sessions for persons to realize and to share the good news experienced in Jesus Christ. These seven Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. are encouraged as a growth opportunity in becoming and expression ourselves as Christ's ambassadors.

The nightly foci will be:

APRIL 9 - "FROM UNCONSCIOUS TO INTENTIONAL WITNESS"

APRIL 16 - "VENTURING IN FAITH"

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BREAKTHROUGH TO LIFE!
CHRIST LIVES!
CHRIST WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND

The Easter Season will be highlighted in worship the next three Sundays with sermons dealing with God's yearning that we be his friends and our response to this expression. Dr Cline has announced these sermons from the central text of John 15:1-17.

April 9 - "Christ Lives - Choosing Us
As Friends"

April 16 - "Christ Lives -- Accepting
His Friendship"

April 23 - "Christ Lives--Keeping His
Friendship Alive"

Some basics of the church and the Christian relationship will be discussed. It would be well to bring pencil and paper and do some note taking.

SERVING APRIL 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Robert Hendricks
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, C. Hetrick-
SW, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley
10:45 A.M. A. Benny-NE, W. Bowen.-
NW, G. Falbe-SE, C. Schwartz-SW,
D. Wortley, B. Love, M. Byers, M.
Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling
10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, B. Busse,
B. Finkhausen

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 624 Mr. Arthur Mowery
349 Mrs. Gwynth Rice
479 Mr. Les Futterer
671 Mr. Wendall Glass
PARKVIEW: 510 Mr. John Steigerwald

DEATH OF FRIEND OF THE CHURCH

Services were conducted for Mrs.
Gladys Meyer on 4/1 by Rev. Traver-
se Chandler. Mrs. Meyer was on our
Special Care List and reside across
the street from the church. Sympa-
thy is extended to her husband,
John.

+ REGISTRATION FOR I JOHN CLASS IS
+ STILL OPEN. CLASSES WILL MEET
ON TUESDAY MORNING AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON. (9:30 A.M. on TUESDAY and
1:15 P.M. on THURSDAY). REGISTRANTS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY
AND MONDAY GROUPS TO TAKE PLACE. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND
DEDICATION OF PARENTS

This semi-annual observance
will be during Divine Worship at
10:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 7.
Parents with young children
should plan for this Sunday
which opens Family Week.

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 14

The day equal with Christmas
and Easter in the church calen-
dar falls on the second Sunday
of May this year. We will cele-
brate the birthday of the church
described in Acts 2 in our wor-
ships on May 14. Even though
our society celebrates May 14 as
Mother's Day, we will give pri-
ority to the Christian celebra-
tion of Pentecost and combine
Mother's Day with Family Emphas-
is on May 7.

CWF SPRING BANQUET - APRIL 18

Time is drawing closer for
this event sponsored by CWF for
women of all ages in the church.
The Day is April 18, Tuesday and
the time is 6:30 P.M. The meal
will be pot luck with drinks and
rolls furnished. Bring table
service as well. Guests are
most welcome (include food for
them). Reservations are need-
ed however, for planning. Call
either Leesa Jump, 432-7180, or
Pat Mullen, 745-9154. The pro-
gram will be one to be enjoyed
by all ages.

MISSIONARIES ON PRAYER LIST

John and Yvonne Huegal are missionary teachers in Mexico City. John teaching in the department of preaching and interpretation in the Union Theological Seminary there. Union Seminary is supported by Disciple Churches through our Week of Compassion offering. These two names have been added to our prayer list for the month of April at the request of our World Outreach Committee and by action of our Board of Trustees. The name of a missionary will be added each month for a full year.

CURRICULUM RESOURCES ON DISPLAY

Beginning in September, we will be using new Christian Education Resource Materials. The new materials, known as Christian Education/Shared Approaches, have been developed cooperatively by eleven denominations. There are four separate sets of resources which we might select. The Education Committee is anxious for the church to help in deciding which we will use. Therefore, you are invited to the Library to look over the materials. Children's materials are on display through next Sunday. The following two weeks, youth and adult materials will be on display. You will find paper and pencil there for you to record your reactions.

SEE AND USE CHURCH LIBRARY!

Our library has a pair of love seats and coffee table for informal sitting and reading. Read some good Christian magazines which are on hand while waiting within the church building.

Also new are a magazine display cart which holds periodicals of general interest and a bottom shelf of free literature and new wooden bookrack which holds new titles and recommended selections from the librarian.

These new library furnishings come from a special designated gift at the end of 1977. Use the library and take advantage of the opportunity for reading, browsing, and growth!

RECENT NEW TITLES INCLUDE:

- "Somebody Loves You" by Helen Steiner Rice
- "Letters to the Corinthians" by William Barclay
- "Letters to the Galatians and Ephesians" by William Barclay
- "Letters to the Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians" by Barclay
- "Handbook to the Bible" by Eerdman

Also, many books have been recently donated to the Library including a number from the estate of Nancy Faye Woodhull.

A DREAM TO SHARE (from page one)

APRIL 23 - ECUMENICAL CHOIR SING, Simpson United Methodist Church

APRIL 30 - "Shiokari Pass" A FILM produced through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Films

MAY 7 - "FILL MY CUP, LORD"

MAY 14 - "HIS STORY AND OUR STORY"

MAY 21 - "ONE WAY TO SHARE THE STORY AND THE DREAM"

C.Y.F. SPRING EVENT

All youth in Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 are invited to New Castle for the Indiana CYF Spring Event.
7:00 P.M., Friday April 28 to 3:03 P.M., Saturday, April 29.

Theme: "LOVE IS . . ." The Power of love will be explored through the medium of music. Workshops: Self-Love, Parents & Other Junk Around the House, Peers-Living the Group When you Disagree, Loving those outside the group without losing the group, Physical Love-How to Handle It, God-the Hard to Love, Loving the Lonlies, What is Love?-Value Clarification, Marriage Preparation.

Election of Regional CYF officers. Cost - \$5.00 Register by Sunday, April 16, with Cory Church or Dr. Cline.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 9-15, 1978

Debra Augsburg	Mildred Linn
Bethel Breeden	Orie McDougale
Rex Clifton	Florence Palmer
Joyce Crowe	Ralph Reynolds
Linda Eich	Barbara Short
Richard Hamilton	Elna Taylor
Brenda Hiatt	Darwin Tomes
Connie Knight	Dyan Weddell
John Huegal	Yvonne Huegal

DMA TRIP TO SOUDER MUSEUM

Sign up now by calling the church office and go to Archibald, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 25. Reservations must be in by April 12. The Bus will leave our lot at 9:00 A.M. and return by 4:00 P.M.

This farm and craft village features:

- a restored homestead
- a village depicting craft, trade, religious & educational aspects of rural pioneer days
- a museum displaying tools and household items
- a large restored barn restaurant and the Doughbox with home cooking and baked goods.

The bus will cost \$4.00 per person and the ticket for the Museum is \$2.50. Lunch will be on one's own. Call the church office NOW.

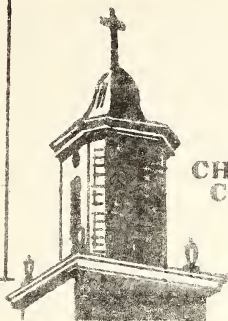
THANK YOU--KEEP IT UP!

Our basic giving for ministry and mission here and elsewhere was \$32,653.77 for the entire quarter of 1978 or \$2,511.83 weekly. This allowed us to be current in all bills--make all budgeted outreach gifts--and be in the black financially! PRAISE THE LORD! KEEP IT UP FOR 1978!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. I John Class
5:30 P.M. Camp & Conference
Rally, West Creighton
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 A.M. I John Class
6:30 P.M. Spring Banquet

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

1:15 P.M. I John Class
6:50 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Sing
Rehearsal, Simpson UM Church

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
JELLO, PUDDING, SUGAR, TUNA

1977 YEARBOOK OF CHRIST- IAN CHURCHES

Recently we reported statistical information about our congregation life for inclusion in our national YEAR BOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

We jumped 20 in Participating Membership and recorded 549 who participated in our church life with some activity. Our Non-Participating Members dropped to 236 and thus our total membership is 785.

During 1977 we had 8 confessions and baptisms and 25 transfers into our congregation. This total of 38 was up 10 from the previous reporting.

Our worship average inched up by 4 per Sunday to 287 during the year. Church School increased by 1 to 124. Through the Week Christian Education averaged 37.

Our total giving was \$158,742.20 of which \$31,960.91 was shared in Outreach locally, regionally, nationally, and across the world. This is sharing 20.7% of receipts for others. On a per capita basis according to membership our giving totaled \$289.15 annually for all causes and \$58.22 for others. Our permanent investment funds in the Church Vocational Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Endowment Memorial Trust Fund increased to \$49,053. By weekly averages, Budget Giving was \$2,230.79, Building Fund was \$278.22, and Total Giving of church and auxiliaries was \$3,052.73.

SERVING APRIL 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, C.
Church-SW, E. Place, K. Place
10:45 A.M. R. Orr-NE, M. Crouse-
NW, S. Allen-SE, M. Finkhousen-
SW, E. Nordblom, K. Taylor, A.
Benny, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Johnson - H. Stevenson,
C. Rice - R. Wortley
J. Church - C. Cline

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen and Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt
10:45 A.M. C. Busse, A. Newman,
C. Cline

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPERS

10:45 A.M. K. Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 332 Mr. Wendall Glass
479 - Mr. Les Futterer
PARKVIEW: 343 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Jack and Pat Bennett, a daughter, Christina Renee, on April 5, 1978.

THANK YOU: During a time like this we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

John C. Meyer

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. DAN DICKEY, 4001 S. Indiana Ave., 07, 745-4662, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from Emmaus Lutheran of the city this past Sunday. Dan and Jolene were married here six years ago this past January.

Dan teaches mathematics at Ben Guyer Junior High and Jolene teaches first grade at Hoagland Elementary. Both have master's degrees in Education and enjoy camping.

Jolene is the daughter of Mary Wilhelm, who is a member of our fellowship. We welcome this couple into our community of faith.

FINAL CALL SPRING CYF EVENT!

All high schoolers are urged to complete registration this Sunday for the Regional CYF Event at Newcastle on the evening of April 28 and the day of April 29. Registration must be completed by this Sunday the 16th by contacting Cory Church or Dr. Cline.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER APRIL 16-22, 1978

Doug Allen	Helen Lobdell
Phyllis Brickley	Cora McKinney
Julius Clausen	Al Pattengale
Amelia Dare	Almeda Rice
Sandra Elser	Raymond Sarrazin
Hortense Futterer	Sylvia Smith
Barb Hayes	Rebecca Webster
Herdis Helmuth	Charles Wrisk

MISSIONARY TEACHER & WIFE:

John and Yvonne Huegla

C.W.F. SPRING BANQUET

All women are asked to have names and number of reservations in this Sunday for the Spring Banquet at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday the 18th. Bring a covered dish and table service. Rolls and Drinks will be furnished. Bring guests for this light evening of fellowship and relationship. Marvin Crouse will be doing various things of entertainment. Special music is planned. Come for a pleasant evening out! Contact the church office or Leesa Jump (432-7189) or Pat Mullen (745-9154) for reservations!

CALLING ALL YOUTH FROM GRADE 4 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL . .

A Camp Rally is being held at West Creighton Christian Church from 5:15 to 8:00 P.M. this Sunday evening for all youth of grades 4 through 12. The program includes registration, a snack supper, camp slide presentation, singing, recreation, and closing so that all will be free at 8:00 P.M. Both our CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP and CYF will be going as groups.

Call the church office about reservations for the snack supper immediately since we need to give a number from our congregation.

GROWTH THROUGH TELEVISION SERIES - "HOLOCAUST" - - - - -

The wantonly murdered six million Jews - men, women, and children in Europe from 1939 to 1945 is being presented in a special movie for TV on four nights beginning Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M. Times are 8:00 to 11:00 on the 16th, 9:00 to 11:00 on the 17th, 9:00 to 11:00 on the 18th, and 8:30 to 11:00 on the 19th. The story is told through the interacting lives of two Berlin families--one Jewish and one Nazi. The author, Gerald Green makes this comment:

"'Holocaust' deals with one of history's most monstrous crimes committed by people without compunction and without remorse. I have tried to clarify and dramatize what can happen when an authoritarian police state gets out of hand. Its philosophy of anti-Semitism was like a contagion, catching up an entire nation and moving across Europe.

I think Jews will take some pride and strength from the story--Rudi is the lever for the aspect. I hope Christians who watch 'Holocaust' will be moved to greater understanding. I'm not looking to lay guilt on anyone. In the Holocaust there was guilt enough to pass around to the entire world, and for generations to come."

Issues involved in this powerful TV movie on Channel 33 include: 1. The Psychology of the Oppressors, 2. The Psychology of the Victims, 3. The Indifference of the World. 4. Christianity and the Holocaust and Christian Liturgies of Remembrance and Repentance, 5. Germany and the Holocaust, 6. The Holocaust and Israel, 7. Holocaust Resources. The church office has an eight page study guide if any are interested in reading it in preparation for following viewing of this special TV series.

YOUTH AND ADULT CURRICULUM RESOURCES

The curriculum for youth and adults from the new Christian Education materials are now on display in the library. Classes will want to look the display over to decide what they want to study. Uniform Lessons, now being used by several adult classes are a part of these resources. These materials do not in any way exclude the use of approved materials classes are now using. However, as with children's materials we want a wider reaction than just the committee. Paper will be available for comments.

JOIN THE DMA ON TRIP THE 25th

Our DMA is meeting at 9:00 A.M., April 25 to go to the Souder Farm and Museum at Archibald, Ohio. We are going on an Indiana Motor Bus at \$4 per person and the entry fee for the museum is \$2.50. Lunch will be on one's own at facilities on the grounds. We will return by 4:00 P.M. All retirees, senior citizens, widows, widowers are invited. We still need more reservations to fill the bus. Call the office NOW. We are opening the event to two other similar groups in neighboring congregations to insure the full busload.

FINAL CALL - JOHN STUDY SERIES

The 2nd session is the final joining time for class based on I John using Barclay's DAILY STUDY BIBLE. Current times and number enrolled to date:

Sunday, 5:15-6:45 P.M. (7)

Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 A.M. (12)

Thursday, 1:15-2:45 P.M. (6)

BLANKET SUNDAYS - APRIL 16 & 23

The Sundays--April 16 & 23--have been designated BLANKET SUNDAYS in our church. On these two Sundays and the week in between, we will collect good, clean usable blankets for use by CHURCH WORLD SERVICE in disaster and rehabilitation work. Boxes will be placed at church entrances for depositing blankets. Another way to participate is to donate money toward the purchase of a blanket. CWS purchases these blankets at \$4 apiece. Envelopes will be in the pew pockets for this purpose. If included with regular giving, please designate BLANKET.

WOMEN, HELP US!!!

We are asking for forms mailed recently about groups for coming CWF year be returned new to the office. We would like to hear from every woman over 18 about the possibility of participating in a group. Our concern is the vital health of our CWF groups and their expansion as a meaningful experience for women in our congregation.

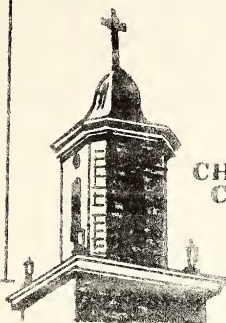
GROWTH SERIES

The Evangelism Committee is anxious for as many people as possible to participate in a special series offered during Celebration Worship. The second of the five nights will be this Sunday on the theme: "VENTURING IN FAITH." The five week theme is "A DREAM TO SHARE--A STORY TO TELL." This is helping us to find what we have to share in Christ.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:30 A.M. Housecleaning &
Repair Day at the church

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. Chi Rho Bowling Party
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. I John Class
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Sing,
Simpson United Methodist Church

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 P.M. Urban Strategy Meeting
Here (Associated Churches)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 A.M. DMA to Archibald
9:30 A.M. I John Class
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

1:15 P.M. I John Class
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, P-NUT BUTTER,
POWDERED MILK, SOUP

ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

At 7:30 P.M. this Sunday, April 23 our Chancel Choir joins six other choirs in a 160 voice Mass Choir at Simpson United Methodist Church, 2501 South Harrison. All are invited for this music witness and inspiration. Child Care will be provided for pre-schoolers. In addition to our church will be West Creighton Christian and five Methodist Churches--Christ, New Haven, South Wayne, Waynedale, and Simpson.

CONSULTATION ON THE CHURCH AND URBAN STRATEGY

Our church will be involved in an ecumenical study conference for eight days with seven national leaders being sponsored by Associated Churches, the Fort Wayne District of the Methodist Church, and the Fort Wayne Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

One of the guests will lead a combined Church School Class at 9:30 A.M. this Sunday in Room 120. Rev. Jerry Elrod of Omaha, Nebraska, will lead this session on Family Life out
(continued on page 4)

SERVING APRIL 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Bert Lerversee and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl-NW, B. Leh-
man-SW, S. Thompson, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-NE, B. Hen-
dricks-NW, E. Conrad-SE, S. Sch-
ell-SW, C. Cline, H. Stevenson,
D. Church, R. Baugher

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen and Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. J. Ott, S. Thompson,
B.S. Johnson

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. B. Busse

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 343 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick

LUTHERAN: 661 Mrs. Bette Gerrard

620 Mrs. Ethel Flowers

479 Mr. Les Futterer

THANK YOU:

Thank you for all the cards,
visits, and expressions of concern
during my recent hospital stay and
a special thanks to the Harmony
Class for the lovely planter.

Nila Schilling

CHI RHO BOWLING PARTY

The Chi Rho Fellowship will be
going bowling this Sunday at 3:00
P.M. Meet at the church. You
will need to bring \$2.50.

CALL FOR RUMMAGE

When you are cleaning your clo-
sets this Spring, remember the
Nelson Group Rummage Sale, sch-
eduled for June 2-3. Donations
of good, usable items for the
Sale would be appreciated. Items
especially needed are: Clothing
(especially children's and in-
fants), dishes, toys, housewares,
pictures and frames.

CALL FOR YOUTH BELL CHOIR

The YOUTH BELL CHOIR begins reg-
ular weekly rehearsals at 4:00 P.
M. towards playing on Sundays,
May 14 and May 28.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 23-29, 1978

Lillian Busse	Wayne Phillips
Harriett Cole	Phyllis Schidler
Clint Crowe	Wade Smith
Earl Fusselman	Becky Stucky
Pauline Horn	Robert Weddell
George King	Mary Wilhelm
Elizabeth Moody	Ed Wooldridge
Pat Mullen	Michael Young

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL FOR INTER- CESSORY PRAYER FOR APRIL--

John and Yvonne Huegel, mis-
sionaries in Mexico where John
is presently teaching in Union
Seminary after serving pastor-
ages and evangelistic worker
in Mexico through our Division
of Overseas Ministries.

CALL FOR MEN! WOMEN! YOUTH!

Housecleaning and Repair Day at
the Church this Saturday, April
22 from 8:30 A.M. till 4:30 P.M.
--come--clean windows--floors--
chairs--GIVE THE BUILDING A GOOD
ONCE OVER WITH OTHERS!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

Now is registration time for summer camp and conference. Registration forms are available and one-half of the cost of the event should be turned in to the church office or staff with form. The church subsidizes the one-half of the fee as a part of our Christian Education program. Register NOW!

Christian Camps and Conferences sponsored through our Indiana Christian Church provide concentrated experiences for growth in relating to God, in becoming whole persons, and in developing trustful and responsible relationships with others. Program is planned to give persons the opportunity to:

1. *Become a fellowship aware of the living presence of God in their midst;*
2. *Come to a better understanding of Christian principles and teachings as revealed in the Bible;*
3. *Meet in an outdoor environment, away from home routines and responsibilities;*
4. *Relate to others in a spirit of Christian love, accepting one another;*
5. *Participate in a varied program including worship, recreation, work, and service.*

*****CAMPS AT BARBEE FOR YOUTH*****

- Camp 5 & 6 (6/26-7/1) Howard Bowers, directing - \$49
- Camp 5-8 (7/2-8) Donald Kauffman, directing - \$49
- Camp 7 & 8 (7/10-15) Ted Forbes, directing - \$49
- Camp 5 & 6 (7/17-22) Drexel Rankin, directing - \$49
- Camp 7 & 8 (7/24-29) Don McCord, directing - \$49
- Camp 9 & 10 (7/30-8/5) Don & Mary Lynn directing - \$55
- Camp 11 & 12 (8/6-12) Jim Miller, directing - \$55

(The numbers in the title mean the school grade in the fall)

*****SPECIAL CAMPS AND CONFERENCES*****

MUSIC-DRAMA - June 11-18 for 10-12 grade - Producing a drama and presenting in several churches - Bill McGraw, directing - \$55.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - June 14-22 10 grade-post hi - Seminar in New York and Washington - Clyde Flannery directing - \$125

CANOE CAMP - June 18-24 for 10-12 grades - Blue River - Larry Kuntz, directing - \$55

BACK PACK I - July 2-12 - White mountains of Vermont for those with past experience in Smokies - George Edwards, directing \$90

BACK PACK II - August 13-19 Ages 15-post hi - In Smokies, George Edwards, directing \$55.

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INDIANA FAMILY CAMP 1978 (continued from camps listed on page 3)

September 1-4 - Labor Day weekend at Barbee - Mark Woldruff and Jim Powell directing - Program fee \$3 per person or \$15 per family - Lodging options: tents and campers with or without electricity - house or cabins - Activities: family study and worship, singing, campfires, fellowship meals, swimming, boating, square dancing, crafts, hiking.

CONSULTATION (from page one)
of his experience in designing significant programs for family life both for Methodist and ecumenical agencies. The Christians Under Construction, The Gospel Seekers, and the Harmony Class have all voted to participate with this guest resource person this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 120.

VIOLIN RECITAL BY MEMBER

Margo Parlette is presenting her Senior Violin Recital at 4:30 P.M. this Sunday, April 23 at Ness Hall at IU-PU here in Fort Wayne. This is open to the public and all are invited!

CALLING WOMEN - CWF FORM

All women are asked to return a green form which we tried to mail to all. If one was not received, call the church office. We want to know possible times and preference concerning meeting with others after July 1. Please give us preferences.

"CHRIST LIVES--KEEPING HIS FRIENDSHIP"

Dr. Cline concludes this triad of sermons with this theme on Sunday. Meditate on John 15:1-17 in preparation for Sunday morning workshops at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.

D.M.A. TRIP TO OHIO

The D.M.A. and personal guests will meet at 9:00 A.M. next Tuesday to board the Bus for the Souder Museum--Farm and Craft Shop at Archibald, Ohio. The bus is \$4 per person and there is a \$2.50 entry fee on the group basis. Presently we have 43 of the needed 46 reservations for this excursion--Call the office for a reservation if you have not done so.

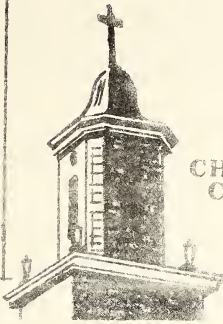
Participants include: Ruby Boxell, Harold Cline, Irene Cline, Mary Cook + 2 guests, Amelia Dare, Earl & Reba Fusselman, John & Velma Hechler, Gladys Hoop, Evelyn Hinton, Art & Florence Huddleston, Laverne Hunt, Thelma Jackson, Leon & Ruby Johns, Laura Marks + 2 guests, Bernice Montgomery, Gus Mueller, Delores Overmyer, Florence Palmer + 3 guests, Don & Valetta Parlette, Florence Rees, Gwynth Rice, Ralph & Doris Richard, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Arza Smith, Ina Smith, Fern Strole, Vincent & Connie Wells, Esther Whitton, Ardith Wrisk, and Jefferson Young.

BLANKET SUNDAY CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23. BRING A BLANKET OR DONATE \$4 FOR COST OF ONE BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 A.M. Housecleaning & Repair
Day at the church

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Movie, "SHIOKARI PASS"
MONDAY, MAY 1

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rose-
mary Krull 3466 S. Washington Rd.
TUESDAY, MAY 2

10:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha
Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West
1:30 A.M. I John Class
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

10:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gene-
vieve Ripple, 3405 Central
THURSDAY, MAY 4

1:15 P.M. I John Class
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK

P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA, SOUP

WALK IN THE LIGHT

This theme of Laity Sunday will be at the heart of our worship experience this Sunday morning at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

RUBY CLINE will be bringing the message based on John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16, and I John 1:5-7. Several months ago she gave a similar message for Laity Sunday at First Christian Church in Laporte.

Jack Weicker, our Moderator, will preside at Meditative Worship assisted by Judy Church. Steve Harter, our Chairman of Elders, will preside at Divine Worship assisted by Sharon Pauley and Karen Flickinger.

Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. will be the movie, SHIOKARI PASS. This movie is a blend of magnificent scenery from Japan, a deeply moving story, and inspiring truth. Come and bring friends and neighbors for this movie which is the true story of one man who found enough strength to overcome his weakness, enough courage to conquer fear, and enough love to give life to others.

SERVING APRIL 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Robert Hendricks

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Paul-
ley-NW, D. Allen, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. C. Schwartz-NE, B. Love-
NW, D. Wortley-SE, M. Byers-SW, D.
Short, R. Jenkins, G. Falbe, W. Bow-
en

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. F. Smell - D. Short

Janet Weicker - K. Taylor

G. Miller - A. Benny

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Elinor Place

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, L. Wiley,
D. Wortley

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. L. Peterson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 479 Mr. Les Futterer

PARKVIEW: 343 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick

431 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

411 Mrs. Ruth Stucky

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet
at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 2.
This replaces both the April and
May Meetings. All members are need-
ed for considerations and actions.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

MRS. ARABELLA ELLYN KREISCHER,
1443 Stophlet, 04, 422-1034, res-
ponded in a renewal of commitment
to Jesus as Lord. She reaffirmed
her faith and desires baptism.

She has background in First
Christian of Eaton, Indiana. In
September of 1976 she was married
to David Kreischer of our congre-
gation. We welcome Arabella into
our community of faith and love!

CALL FOR CLEANING AND REPAIR

Thanks is expressed to those
who helped this past Saturday,
namely, Bill and Margaret Love,
Laura and Tony York, Diana Wade,
George Davis, Steve Harter, Jim
Stucky, Delores Keebortz, and
George Bruckman. More needs to
be done. Come this Saturday for
any available hours between 8:30
A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Basic spring
cleaning needs attention NOW!

THANK YOU NOTES:

*This is to express my thanks to
Dr. Cline and Miriam for their
visits to me recently. Also to
the many others in the church who
showed concern by their prayers,
cards, calls and visits and other
kindnesses during and after my
recent hospitalization. I know
they all helped in my recovery.*

*Sincerely,
Gwynth Rice*

*Thanks to Harold and Miriam
for calls and friends for cards
while I was in the hospital.*

Harold Nordblom

MEMORIAL GIFTS - FEBRUARY 19-APRIL 14, 1978

The following Memorial Gifts have been received and are recorded in our Book of Remembrance displayed in our Narthex:

- Undesignated Gift to Memorial Funds: In Memory of Hugh Rice-Rev. Joseph Fitch
- Designated Gifts for New Hymnals through Memorial Funds: In Memory of Al Schell - Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Frazier, Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. Frazier, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Levihn, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weicker, Progressive Class Members, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, Daveway Neighborhood Sewing Club, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hastings, Staff - 1 South - St. Joseph's Hospital, Neighbors - Morningside Terrace, Grandchildren of Al Schell, Mable Eubanks, Mr. & Mrs. Milton McCormick, Robert H. Vegeler, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Art Mowery, Mrs. Susan Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp
- Library Book: In Memory of Nancy Faye Woodhull - The Fellowship Guild.
- Library Books and Equipment in memory of Lee Fisher - from the estate.

We encourage Memorial Fund giving to express love and caring. The writing of wills and bequests to give a percentage of an estate or the total residue of an estate expresses a final Christian stewardship expression.

Unless specified by the donor, all gifts are undesignated and are applied to each of our Memorial Funds equally, namely:

- 1) CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The Principal is invested and all earnings are used for annual Scholarship grants and Summer Intern Programs.
- 2) ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND - The Principal is invested and earnings are used for present ministry and mission.
- 3) BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND - Both Principal and Earnings are used for major projects of the church.
- 4) CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND - Both Principal and Earnings are used annually for some capital outreach project of mission, education, or benevolence.

CWF MAY BREAKFAST

The Christian Women's Fellowship May Breakfast for all women of the church will be Saturday morning, May 6 at 9:30 A.M. The Brummel, Gamboe and Fellowship Guild Groups will be hostesses.

The speaker for the morning event is MRS. JEAN BERGWALL. Mrs. Bergwall is a licensed Lay Pastor in the United Methodist Church. Currently she is the Lay Pastor for Evangelism at Waynedale United Methodist Church. She has held many responsible positions in the Methodist Church and served as Leader for Women's Retreats. She also is the current chairwoman for the Fort Wayne Women's Prayer Breakfast.

Reservations need to be made for this event. Call the church office. Guests are most welcome. There is no charge for this annual event for women in the church.

REGIONAL CYF EVENT

Nine youth and two counselors are participating in the Indiana Regional CYF Spring Event at First Christian Church in New Castle this Friday evening and Saturday. Our group includes: Cory & Dan Church, Carol Cline, Clint Crowe, Steve Grimm, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Julie Smith, Gary York and Ralph & Judy Church.

HELPER CLINIC IN CINCINNATI

We have six persons participating this weekend in the HELPER CLINIC at College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. This is a national training event in HOW TO EQUIP LAY PEOPLE TO EVANGELISE REGULARLY. Dr. Cline is involved on Friday through Monday and Andrea Benny, Rose Jenkins, Dean & Elsie Widler, and Laura York are attending from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon.

A special training event within our congregation in the area of Evangelism is planned for May 19 and 20 at Barbee Christian Camp (Friday night and Saturday). Plan for this time now.

CHI RHO MEETINGS VERY IMPORTANT!

All Chi Rho members should plan to be at the next two Chi Rho meetings, Sunday, April 30 and May 7 (5:30 P.M.) We are planning our Hobby Show and Chili Supper. Please be present. You are needed!

CALL FOR GIVING.....

In spite of blizzard and winter, our giving for the 1st quarter exceeded the minimum need of \$2,436 weekly.

During the 1st 4 Sundays of April we have averaged \$2,153. This is a shortage of \$283 weekly or a total of \$1,100 for the month. Let's become current again on this final Sunday of April.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSARY PRAYER

APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 1978

Rocky Baugher	Nena Lucas
Belva Burkett	Debra Nordblom
Marlene Crouse	Bernie Norman
Sara Davis	Ruth Norton
Bill Franklin	Steven Tharp
Alyce Fuchshuber	Laura Tomes
Julie Hendricks	Nita Wilson
Ralph Keller	Irene Wooldridge

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:30 A.M. May Breakfast
6:30 P.M. Harmony Class Pro-
gressive Dinner

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. I John Class
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 8

1:30 P.M. Guild, Amelia Dare,
4527 Lafayette Espl.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

9:30 A.M. I John Class
12:00 Noon Nelson Group, Ardith
Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terr.
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

9:00 A.M. CWF Institute

THURSDAY, MAY 11

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group at Ger-
trude Heavin's Curiosity Shop in
Quimby Village
1:15 P.M. I John Class
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, POWDERED MILK,
CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA

GREETINGS IN THE LORD JESUS:

May I express my deep appreciation to Ruby, Jack Weicker, Judy Church, Steve Harter, Sharon Pauley and Karen Flickinger for their leadership efforts in worship Sunday. Their service and expression here was beneficial and also gave me a rich weekend opportunity.

I deeply appreciated the HELPER CLINIC which dealt with witnessing, calling, and inquirer's classes at College Hill Presbyterian Church. Beyond the direct benefits was the enriching experience to be in the midst of such a dynamic congregation. It is diverse, and not all people appreciate the same things, but the Spirit of God or the living Christ is evident in its life and impact on others. Bear with me as I share from the richness of this experience as well as allow the impacts to well up into the programmatic life of our congregation.

I look forward to this Sunday when we highlight Christian Family Week. During our worship at 10:45 A.M. we will have our semi-annual THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. This
(continued on page four)

SERVING MAY 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-
SW, M. Hartman, C. Church
10:45 A.M. M. Akers-NE, R. Orr-
NW, S. Allen-SE, M. Crouse-SW, M.
Finkhousen, E. Nordblom, R. Krull,
K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Elinor Place

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza
10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, S. Callahan,
S. Melchi

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. C. Akers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 479 Mr. Les Futterer

477 Mrs. Mary McCarthy

4-W Jill Benny

ST. JOSEPH: 523 Mrs. Carrie Smelser

Mr. Harvey Smelser (to be
admitted 5/2)

APRIL AVERAGES

Worship	283
Church School	122
Through-the-Week	17
Budget Giving	\$2,102.13
Building Fund	253.86

NEW MEMBERS DURING APRIL

Dan & Jolene Dickey
Arabella Kreischer

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE SCHEDULED!

The Chi Rho Fellowship has scheduled a PAPER DRIVE for Saturday, May 13 at the church. Please have papers to the church by that day at 9:00 A.M. (Call the church for pick-up if you are unable to bring your papers). All Chi Rho members should be at the church at 9:00 that day!

BAZAAR MONEY DISTRIBUTED:

For Others - ALL PEOPLES CHRISTIAN CENTER under the Division of Homeland Ministries in Los Angeles (1/3). \$ 1,106.24
Tables 1,074.32
Choir Robes. 539.82
Microphones. 407.93
Hangers. 180.40
TOTAL \$ 3,318.71

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

\$950 was mailed last week reflecting our special Easter Offering for others to support Outreach causes of mission, benevolence, and education.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Carol Cline for being elected State CYF President at the Spring CYF Event in New Castle this past weekend!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Doris Richards in the death of her brother, Ernest Scott, Jr. this past week.

PLAN NOW ON BEING PRESENT FOR
THE ALL-CHURCH DINNER AND CON-
GREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 4 AT
12:15.

VOLUNTEER HELP - WHAT I WILL DO

We are asking for prompt response to these rather specific requests for particular help. We do hope to have 104 sign for Coffee Hour so that the responsibility can be shared during the year. Please use the following form or the bulletin form and mail to the church or drop in Sunday's offering plate. Help in the ways you can and feel comfortable and satisfied in doing! Thanks to the 15 who started by signing last Sunday!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR - ONE SUNDAY PER CALENDAR YEAR

- ☐ Would prefer doing it alone
- ☐ Would teach newcomer and help them
- ☐ Would assist another person who has done before

OFFICE WORK AT BUILDING WHEN NEEDED the appropriation of Jesus in the
 into the lives of persons willing
 hday of the Church. Pentecost marks
 that Jesus might be personalized and
 Christmas and Easter would be lost

- ☐ Typing
- ☐ Telephoning (at Church)
- ☐ Stapling and/or ass
- ☐ Addressograph Opera

BUILDING UPKEEP AND CARE

- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Repair and Small Work
- ☐ Cleaning Day

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 he setting for God to use his people
 expectation for the work and impact
 mpact of the central life of the ch-

5 A.M. hours Sunday will be "GOD MADE
 the entire second chapter of Acts as a

KITCHEN WORK

- ☐ Food Preparation as are in sets and pew holders for
- ☐ Serving Church Outreach to support Overseas
- ☐ Clean Up and Dishwashing institutions, and benevolent homes as
- ☐ Prepare food and beverages programs and life. The total church

OTHER THINGS I WOULD ENJOY DOING THE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

NAME _____

CURRICULUM PREVIEW

The Christian Education Committee will be making the decision this month of what materials will be used in our Children's Church School Classes beginning next September. We want as many people as possible involved in this decision. We are especially interested in hearing from present teachers, past teachers, and parents. On Saturday May 13 we will be in the Conference Room with the materials, so that anyone who wishes to may come in, look, question, and give us your opinions. We welcome your input.

n. Stevenson

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GREETINGS (from page one)

is a joyous occasion! Our worship will highlight the importance of the Christian family and the attitudes within the home.

Our Celebration Worship returns to the focus of "A DREAM TO SHARE-A STORY TO TELL" with the particular emphasis on "Fill My Cup, Lord." A baptismal service is being planned.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 14, we celebrate the birthday of the church. This is a high day of our congregation. We are anticipating decisions and baptisms. We end the Easter season and move into this emphasis upon the Holy Spirit which created and creates the church. We call upon every member and friend to celebrate that good news of Christmas and Easter was made available and enabled in every human life through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Join in this day of gladsome worship and praise.

God touched me in a very meaningful way in my experience at Cincinnati this past weekend. I trust that a part of its impact can be shared with you. To that end, I invite your prayers for myself, for our congregation, and for our lives to be in submission to Christ. Secondly, I encourage you to invite and bring others with you to worship and study. Thirdly, I look forward to your presence and contribution to worship each Sunday. I hope to see you this Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

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CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY!

Christmas celebrates God's gift to the world of the Christ Child; Easter celebrates the victory of Jesus in his resurrection victory over sin and death; Pentecost celebrates the appropriation of Jesus in the flesh and Jesus as the victorious Lord into the lives of persons willing to accept him. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Pentecost marks the impact of the gift of the Spirit that Jesus might be personalized and internalized. Without Pentecost, Christmas and Easter would be lost stories.

The disciples prepared for Pentecost by being in prayer and of one accord with one another. This is the setting for God to use his people both then and now. May we pray with expectation for the work and impact of the church and especially of the impact of the central life of the church expressed in corporate worship.

The sermon at the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. hours Sunday will be "GOD MADE HIM LORD" based on Acts 2:36. Read the entire second chapter of Acts as a preparation for Pentecost.

Special Pentecost giving envelopes are in sets and pew holders for over and above giving for Christian Church Outreach to support Overseas and homeland ministries, educational institutions, and benevolent homes as well as regional and general church programs and life. The total church school offering on Pentecost Sunday is for this cause.

CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

SERVING MAY 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Steve Harter
10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, S.
Thompson-NW, C. Hetrick, E. Brown
10:45 A.M. A. Benny-NE, E. Con-
rad-NW, G. Davis-SW, B. Hendricks-
SE, S. Schell, H. Stevenson, C.
Cline, D. Church

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. D. Widler - B. Pauley
R. Church - G. Falbe
M. Love - C. Lee

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill and Margaret Love

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler
10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, J. Ott,
L. Sauerwein, T. Smith

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. C. Busse

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 324 Miss Kim Campbell
479 Mr. Les Futterer
ST. JOSEPH: 721 Mr. Harvey Smelser
523 Mrs. Carrie Smelser

THANK YOU:

I want to thank Dr. Cline and Mir-
iam Bixenman for their visits and
prayers. Also I want to thank every-
one for their cards and prayers
while I was in the hospital.

Bless each and everyone of you.

Blanche Hetrick

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho Paper Drive w
SATURDAY, MAY 20! You may
papers to the church any ti
fore that day. Call pi
needs to the church office
sure to include your old
phone books.

CURRICULUM PREVIEW

All are invited at your
ure this Saturday between
and 12:00 to see new Church
ool material for the fall,
evaluations, ask questions,
cuss with Mrs. Bixenman in
120.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Our graduating seniors ar
vited to be a special part o
worship at 10:45 A.M. on Su
JUNE 4. Mark the time!

WORK CAMP AT HAZEL GREEN

We have 5 possible place
youth or adult counselors
June 11-17 at Hazel Green Ac
in Kentucky. Cost is \$17.5
person. Registrations are n
shortly for participants.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PR

MAY 14-20, 1978

Melanie Baugher Bette Gerra
Jodi (Eckert) Brown Leon Jo
Virgil Buchanan Mary Anne H
Louis Chasar Barbara Lov
Audrey Corkwell Mildred Mar
Eva Crowell Valetta Par
Wm. DeVinney LeAnn Penny
John Freed Kim Shipley

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSAR

PRAYER: Courtney & Lois S

THE PANTRY NEEDS CHILDREN'S
MER CLOTHING IN GOOD CONDITI

C.W.F. GROUPINGS FOR NEW YEAR

The committee did the following grouping for CWF for the new year beginning in July as a result of the recent questionnaires. Admittedly the groups are encouraged to enlist other members from among our constituency. All groups are open for new members and to decide which week of the month for meetings. Some groups are going on a 12 month calendar since vacations are scattered and weather sometimes makes summer meetings advantageous. Women are encouraged to be either a member or convenor if you would like to meet on the time of day indicated. We trust that it will seek to enlist other participants and that others will seek to join one of these new groups.

MONDAY 1:30 P.M.

LYDIA GROUP

Janita Fitch
Ethel Shroyer
Dorena Kuhlman
Earl Heidecker
Melba Dare*
William Scott
Margaret Love
Ellen Kreischer
Mildred Hartman
Mildred Hutchinson
Lucile Welch
Ruth Eiler
Edna Vaught

MONDAY 7:30 P.M.

MARTHA GROUP

Phyllis Tobias
Rosemary Krull
Debby Rinker
Laura York
Susan Jones
Pat Mullen
Sandy Zimmerman
Barbara Short*
Ramona Ketner
Cindy Akers
Linda Peterson
Armella Newman
Beth Schwartz

* Convenor

TUESDAY, 9:00 A.M.

RUTH GROUP

Mary Cook
Kathlyn Banet
Gladys Hoop
Ruth Ogles
Virginia Bruckman
Martha Cole
Mildred Hogg
Marge Lehman
Ethel Flowers
Sarah Smith*
Grace Truby
Reba Fusselman

TUESDAY, 12:00

REBECCA GROUP

Pauline Snyder
Judy Church
Janet Weicker*
Val Taylor
Connie Wells
Laverne Hunt
Delores Overmyer
Ardith Wrisk
Edna Nordblom

TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

DEBORAH GROUP

Andrea Benny
Sharon Pauley
Rosalie Hall
Ruby Cline*

Opal Carper

Elsie Widler
Schellie Schell
Eunice Conrad
Jolene Dickey

WEDNESDAY, 9:00 A.M.

ESTHER GROUP

Hortense Stevenson
Rychie Smell
Genevieve Ripple
Gwynth Rice*
Irene Cline
Betty Grimm
Almeda Rice
Inex Petty

WEDNESDAY, 12:00

MARY GROUP

Debby Brian
Linda Wiley
Miriam Bixenman
Esther Whitton
Ina Smith

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P.M.

SARAH GROUP

Thelma Jackson
Bernice Montgomery
Florence Huddleston
Opal Perkins
Florence Palmer

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THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.

RACHEL GROUP

Ethel Allen
Barb Busse
Pam Bickel*
Sue Thompson
Dorothy Schmidt
Barb Hayes
Rose Jenkins
Fern Kenline
Mary Ellen Sauer
Jennie Harter
Leesa Jump
Sara Davis

THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.

DORCUS GROUP

Gladys Beal
Esther Clipp
Alyce Fuchshuber
Ethel Richhart
Emma Schell
Helen Williams
Ruby Mowery*

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, P-NUT

BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

NELSON GROUP RUMMAGE SALE

The Nelson Group will be having a Rummage Sale to benefit CWF on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at the church. If weather permits, the sale will be on the parking lot. Donations of items for the sale will be appreciated!

SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:00 A.M. Curriculum Preview
Conference Room

SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church School
9:00 P.M. Ball Choir
9:15 P.M. I John Class
8:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 15

10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, MAY 16

9:30 A.M. I John Class

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

10:00 A.M. South Fort Wayne
Churches on Aging

6:30 P.M. Christians Without
Spouses Dinner Out

7:30 P.M. Sherwood Neighbor-
hood Association

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00 A.M. Fort Wayne Evange-
lism Study

1:15 P.M. I John Class

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

C.W.F. OFFICERS

Officers for the new year include Co-Presidents: Beth Schwartz & Laura York; 1st Vice-President-Ruby Mowery; 2nd Vice-President-Gwynth Rice; Corresponding & Recording Secretary-Pam Bickel; and Treasurer-Va'l Taylor. Outgoing officers are Sandy Zimmerman, President; Rosemary Krull-2nd Vice President; Marilyn Byers -Corresponding Secretary and Janet Weicker-Treasurer. We both congratulate and thank this leadership team!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

9:00 - 4:00 P.M. CYF Car Wash

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:30 P.M. Area Board, Kendallville

7:30 P.M. HELPER

TUESDAY, MAY 23

12:00 Noon D.M.A. POTLUCK

7:30 P.M. Christian Education

Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

1:00 P.M. Banner Making Group,

Plymouth Congregational

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Rel.

& Stewardship-Finance Committees

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA,

SPAM, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP,

POWDERED MILK CHILDREN'S SUMMER

CLOTHING IN GOOD CONDITION

CHURCH VOCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Steve Doles and Ron Connerly have been recipients this year of our Church Vocation Scholarship Grants.

Steve has been well known because of serving here three summers as Summer Intern and also as Student Youth Associate. He is graduating from Taylor University just now and will be working as an Assistant Chaplain there in the fall.

Ron Connerly will be in town this weekend visiting with his in-laws, Ed and Sue Allen along with his wife, Debi. Ron has just finished his second year in Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been working in a Disciple Church in Pennsylvania this winter and is in the process of identifying with our denomination under care of the Ohio Commission on the Ministry. Ron will be assisting with both hours of worship this Sunday and he and Debi will be special guests of our Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall after Divine Worship.

Greet Ron after worship Sunday!

SERVING MAY 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, D. Allen-
NW, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-NE, R. Jen-
kins-NW, D. Short-SE, G. Falbe-SW,
W. Bowman, D. Wortley, C. Schwartz,
B. Love

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peggy Buskirk, Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ed and Sue Allen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, B. Busse,
K. Shipley

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. L. Jump

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN: 596 Mr. Les Futterer

572 Mr. Arthur Mowery

MOVED TO NURSING HOME: Harvey Smel-
ser is now at the Crow's Haven Nurs-
ing Home, 2440 S. Bowser Ave.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Steve and Vickie Craig in Kansas
City, a son, Jeremy Stephen, on 5/9/
78. The Paternal Grandmother is
Charline Craig.

RUBY CLINE IN VIRGINIA

Ruby Cline is leading a workshop
as a part of the program of the Vir-
ginia Assembly of Christian churches
this week in Norfolk.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

LAURA SAUERWEIN, the daughter
of Jack and Doris Sauerwein, 4715
S. Wayne Ave. 07, 446-0351, made
her confession of faith and was
baptized this past Sunday during
Meditative Worship. Laura is
quite active in music and gymnas-
tics at Fairfield Junior High
where she is a seventh grader.
We welcome Laura in this expres-
sion of commitment. Her brother,
Tim, is a ninth grader.

PENTECOST OUTREACH OFFERING

We have received \$388.00 so far
for this special "Over-and-above"
giving to support the basic mis-
sion finance of the Christian-Ch-
urch. Use the special envelopes
of the sets or in pews or mard an
extra amount on a regular giving
envelope.

PAPER DRIVE AND CAR WASH!

CYF CAR WASH on Parking Lot
Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - Call or
bring papers by 9:00 A.M. this
Saturday.

SPECIAL GIFTS NEEDED

\$230.67 is the difference be-
tween Choir Fund money plus Baz-
aar money and the actual cost of
our new Choir Robes and stoles.
Specail gifts marked "Choir Robes"
are needed to make up this deficit.
We have paid the bill on faith
that this difference will be met!

\$160 is needed also for the pur-
chase of the Pool Table in the
Youth Lounge. Special gifts can
be marked for this youth lounge
equipment.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MAY 6, 1978

27 of 34 members were present for the meeting. This percentage of participation is a cause for rejoicing and something to be maintained!

The resignation of Tana Harter as Librarian was accepted with regret and a deep word of thanks for that which she has accomplished in two years. Pat Mullen was approved as the new Librarian through June 30, 1980.

Upon recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee but modified by the Board, approval was given to offer to our four staff leaders of choirs and organists the basic registration and food and housing cost for a five day workshop of the Association of Disciple Musicians at Hiram College in Ohio this July.

The Nelson Group was given approval for the usage of the building for their garage sale on June 2 & 3. The Articles of Incorporation of the Greater Fort Wayne Campus Ministry, Inc. was approved for our participation as a congregation. This separates this ministry which we have previously supported while it was an adjunct of Associated Churches.

August 26 was set for a Church-wide planning day at Barbee Camp in the midst of an all-church camp out on the 25th to 27th. Earl Plummer, Peg Buskirk, and Ben Taylor were appointed to work as a Planning Committee.

Approval was given for a special emphasis of "MEN IN THE CHURCH" this fall. Everett Kussmann of TWA in Kansas City and a dedicated Disciple layman will speak for a Father-son Banquet on Friday night, November 17, and a Men's Breakfast on Saturday morning the 18th, and for both worship hours on Sunday, the 19th.

The annual congregational meeting was announced for Sunday, June 4th at 12:15 P.M. and the next board meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 6.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho are collecting and selling paper this Saturday! Bring to the church at 9:00 A.M. or phone for a pick up. Include phone books. Help our youth in this effort.

CYF CAR WASH

Our C.Y.F. has normally had a car wash every May. Bring your car to the church lot between 9 and 4 on Saturday for a wash and cleaning inside and out. Cost--\$1.50 or donation.

D.M.A. NEXT TUESDAY NOON

Sherriff Bud Meeks will be speaking on "SAFETY--CRIME PREVENTION FOR OLDSTERS" after the potluck meal next Tuesday, May 23. Hosting will be Herdis Helmuth and Miriam Bixenman.

Some adjustments in summer dates will be discussed regarding the trip for the Glass Festival at Dunkirk, the Wagon Wheel trip to see "OKLAHOME" and the Day at the Clines.

All retirees--senior citizens--widows or widowers are invited to come with a covered dish and table service for the potluck at 12:00 noon.

BANNER MAKING GROUP

Several women have meet concerning the working on banners for Worship and various places in our building. A second meeting will be next Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. at Plymouth Congregational where our group will learn from a similar group there and see their banners. It is open to any interested. Call Margaret Love, 744-1615, if you have questions.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MAY 21-27, 1978

Jack Bennett	Robert Hendricks
Doris Bushey	Donna Johnson
Anna Chasar	Nick Keirn
Ruby Cline	Mary Sue Ludwig
Robert Cruse	Bud O'Laughlin
Shirley Dibble	Linda Peterson
Kenneth Flesher	Sherri Shipley
Paul Girdner	Viola Sievers

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING MAY:

Courtney & Lois Swander

NELSON GROUP RUMMAGE SALE

Help the Nelson Group with their rummage and bake sale to be held at the Church, Friday, June 1 from 9-5, and Saturday, June 3 from 9-1. Articles for the sale may be put on the stage in the Fellowship Hall after May 20. Call 747-6075 if pick-ups are needed. Proceeds will go to the C.W.

OPEN RETREAT AT BARBEE

Because we had the house rented at Barbee and the Evangelism Retreat was cancelled, we are having an open retreat for sharing tapes, interaction, and fellowship from 6:00 this Friday the 19th until 4:00 P.M. Saturday, the 20th. If interested or want to attend, call the church office IMMEDIATELY! Tapes are by Robert Raines, James Armstrong, Jerry Kirk, and others. Cost is \$2 plus shared food.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG SINGLES

Come to Room 132 this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. to begin a new Summer Church School Class now that college students are home again.

WORSHIPS THIS SUNDAY

"HANDLE HOLDS FOR PRAYER" is the sermon subject by Dr. Cline at the 8:15 and 10:45 hours this Sunday. Celebration Worship at 7:00 will close a series with the theme, "One Way to Share the Story and the Dream". WORSHIP SUNDAY! LET CHRIST CENTER LIFE!

PENTECOST OFFERING: Only \$338 has been received to date! Give generously this Sunday to push over \$600.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 29

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 A.M. Evangelism Study
10:30 A.M. South Fort Wayne
Senior Citizen's Meeting

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. HELPER

FRIDAY-SATURDAY - June 2-3

Nelson Group Rummage Sale

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, POWDER-

ED MILK, CRACKERS, CANNED FRUIT

CHOIR SUNDAY WORSHIP - JUNE 11

10:45 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

Every member and friend of First Christian is desired to participate at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, June 4, for our annual congregational dinner and meeting. The meal at 12:15 will be pot luck with drink and rolls furnished. Bring covered dishes and table service.

Since this is the annual election, we desire every present elder, deacon, deaconess to be present along with all nominees for the election of the day. It is important to be present so that persons may identify names with faces to help make voting selections. Likewise, it is important that all members exercise the voting right and choice. We do have competitive elections so that the congregation has the final and vital say in our elections.

Likewise, we are honoring new members in the past twelve months. These along with their families will be special guests. The meal provides a special time for acquaintance and relationship.

Join in eating together-singing-congregational business and fellowship on Sunday June 4 at 12:15 P.M.

SERVING MARCH 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Fred Smell

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, C. Church-SW, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-NE, E. Nordblom, SE, M. Finkhousen-NW, R. Krull-SW, M. Byers, S. Allen, M. Akers, R. Orr

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Grimm - W. Bowen

R. Hendricks - D. Wortley

W. Love - D. Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk & Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. P. Akers

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, C. Busse,
S. Shipley

2-3 YEAR OLD HELPER

10:45 A.M. B. Hayes

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 596 Mr. Les Futterer

572 Mr. Art Mowery

796 Mr. Henry McCandless

865 Mrs. Barbara Hensch

464 Mr. Charles Fuchshuber

416 Mrs. Opal Culbertson

ST. JOSEPH 807 Mrs. Minnie Miller

CUC'S CLASS PARTY

The Christians Under Construction Class is having a party at Joe & Linda Wiley's, 1817 Buckskin, at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 3. It is a pot luck. Bring a covered dish and your own table service.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. JACK BICKEL, 1232 Illsley, 07, 456-7496, identified with us in reaffirmation of faith and transfer on Sunday. Jack comes from the Christian Union Congregation on South Calhoun and Pam from Avon, Connecticut. Jack is employed by General Telephone as Personnel Supervisor-Staff & Development. Pam is in the home with Danny. Both have shown active leadership in various activities of the church life. We welcome this expression of commitment.

MEL BUSSE HIRED

Mel Busse has been hired as the Director of Music of the Salem United Church of Christ on Lake Avenue, beginning in June. In spite of his directing two choirs and being responsible for music, he plans to participate in our 8:15 Worship Hour and this will remain the family church home.

YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Final playing date for the session will be both hours on Sunday, June 17.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Singles - New College & Career Class during Church School 9:30-10:30 on Sunday led by Steve & Tana Harter in Room 132.

Couples - in low or mid 20's with none or only 1 child. Swim Party & Cookout at Cline's at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 3. This new group has 5 couples who have indicated they will be present. Call office if interested.

EXPECTATIONS FOR LEARNING IN CHURCH SCHOOL

I have a deep concern that spiritual health cannot be realized apart from Christian Education. I do believe that retreats and short-term experiences and programs such as the School of Christian Growth are valuable. Nevertheless, I am concerned that we utilize and take advantage of our Church School hour to the fullest possible measure.

We do have classes and groups for all ages and are willing to explore new possibilities as needs are expressed. The vitality of our program demands EXPECTATIONS and COMMITMENTS on the part of people. Recently we held our Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents. Nor only parents are to be dedicated, but all adults of the church must be willing to help be transmitters of the truth and love of our Christian heritage.

May I state some expectations which I personally hold:

EXPECTATIONS & COMMITMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND ADULT OFFICERS:

1. Be present and start classes promptly at 9:30 A.M. Teachers and officers need to be in the classroom by 9:20 A.M. to greet and welcome.
2. Be prepared through prayer and preparation.
3. Be aware of each class member and show concern whenever absences and needs occur.
4. Be an enlister of others for learning and growth.

EXPECTATIONS FOR PUPILS - CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULTS & PARENTS:

1. Be present in the classroom - Be prompt to participate at 9:30 A.M.
2. Be present every Sunday - Be present every Sunday that you are health and in Fort Wayne. Learning will be insignificant apart from regularity.
3. Be a participator - Learning is a process that demands involvement and appropriation into personal life.
4. Be an encourager - Of your teacher and the participation of other persons through prayer and verbal affirmations.
5. Be a Class enthusiast - Each person is a priest to enable others to a greater experience of God - Presence, attitude, interactions, support, love--all count.

I pray that our CHURCH SCHOOL will receive the EXPECTATIONS and COMMITMENT NEEDED for meaningful Christian growth!

Harold E. Clunie

CAMP & CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS
ARE NEEDED NOW!

Camp 5 & 6 at Barbee, July 17-22

Robert Briggs

Camp 9 & 10 at Barbee, July 30-

August 5

Tim Briggs

Mai Pauley

Turn in registration with one-half of the fee for the week--the other half is paid for by Education as development of our youth. REGISTER AND PLAN NOW!

MEMORIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

Dr. Cline will preach on a theme of "ATTITUDES TOWARD DEATH".

The New Testament says much of dying--dying to self, eternal separation from God, dying to live. We need a positive Christian outlook and stance on death. We celebrate the faith and witness and love of our brothers and sisters who have moved on in the eternal pilgrimage with God!

IMPORTANT ELDERS MEETING

All elders including nominees to take office July 1 are expected at a meeting next Tuesday, May 30, at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. Contact Dr. Cline or Steve Harter if you must be absent.

SAVE NEWSPAPERS

Because of the current low price on paper, the Chi Rho will not have another drive until September. Please hold your papers until that time when they will collect them again. The Chi Rho thanks all for the support and help in the various paper drives.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MAY 28 to JUNE 3, 1978

Ethel Birkhold	Charles Green
Muriel Chevalier	Mary Louise Howell
Charline Craig	Linda Johnstone
Richard Dobson	Fern Kenline
Glen Edgington	Steve Kreischer
Karen Elkins	Harold Nordblom
Richard Evans	Kenneth Place
Ron Flickinger	Carrie Smelser

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER IN MAY: Courtney & Lois Swander

D.M.A. SUMMER PROGRAM

Because of scheduling, several changes have been made on Summer Program. Mark these dates and start planning for these events.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - Leave Parking Lot at 6:45 P.M. to attend the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. We will be seeing "RODGERS AND HART - A MUSICAL CELEBRATION" More than 50 songs from the early 20's to 1942. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis - \$3 for the bus and \$4 for the group rate tickets or \$7 per person. Names and money can be turned in NOW to the church office.

THURSDAY, JULY 27 - Leave parking lot at 9:00 A.M. to attend Glass Festival in Dunkirk - tour two glass factories, visit Glass Museum, share this special three day festival of the community. The bus will return at 4:00 P.M. Cost for the bus is \$4 per person.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - D.M.A. Picnic at the Cline home - Meat furnished - swimming or lawn games.

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CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING - 12:15 P.M.

All are urged to share this fellowship opportunity at the meal table this Sunday noon. It is a pitch-in meal with drinks and rolls furnished. Bring covered dishes suitable for the family number and one guest. Our new members are special guests for this meal.

We will share in singing, some reports on the congregation, and our annual election (see page 3 for the listing of nominees for various offices.) Our election includes both competitive and non-competitive sections. The vote of every member is very important. The presence of every nominee as well as all current officers, chairpersons, elders, deacons, and deaconesses is needed. Someone has suggested that the vote of a congregation is the highest sense of worship that a congregation experiences when it is undertaken in the spirit of God.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

Many find this earlier and quieter worship their preference in the summer months.

BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS - 10:45 A.M.

We salute and congratulate our graduating high school seniors this Sunday morning with our annual Baccalaureate worship at 10:45 A.M.

We honor:

Patty Campbell
Cory Church
Barbara Finkhousen
Theresa Gardner
Glen Harter
Judi Hoagland
Kim Johnson
Sue Ann Ludwig
Paula Meadows
Bill Schilling
Necia Stucker
Robert Weddell
Diana Wortley

These same persons are also guests at our Senior Breakfast sponsored by the CYF at 7:00 A.M. at Richard's Restaurant on Paulding at which time Steve Doles is speaking. The breakfast includes parents and guests. The church shares a gift with these seniors during the Worship Hour. The sermon is "FINDING LIFE" with II Timothy 1:3-14 as the basic text.

SERVING JUNE 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-SW, C. Het-
rick-NW, S. Rayl, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-NW, C.
Cline-NE, S. Schell-SW, H. Steven-
son-SE, K. Taylor, G. Davis, E.
Conrad, A. Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson and Eunice Conrad

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, R. Krull,
K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 464 Mr. Charles Fuchshuber
416 Mrs. Opal Culbertson

PARKVIEW:

Mr. Bill Lehman (Open Heart
Surgery was scheduled for 5/31)
ST. JOSEPH: 821 Mrs. Winnie May
Ferguson

WEDDINGS BY PASTOR:

Robert Vernon Cook and Pamela Jean
Heaton on 5/26/78. They are resid-
ing at 105 E. Sutenfield, 06.

James Rickman Knight and Rebecca
Joan Meyer on 5/27/78. They are
residing at 827½ W. Dewald, 04, 745-
2629.

NO REGULAR CELEBRATION WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY EVENINGS UNTIL FUR-
THUR NOTICE AS DETERMINED BY
PARTICIPATION.

BUILDING FUND COUNT DOWN

Our three year pledges for the
Building Fund were from November
1, 1975 through October 31, 1978.
We will receive this special
giving through December of 1978.
Giving has been sluggish towards
our committed total of \$77,240.
75. This is needed during 1978.
We have received \$63,468.79 to
date.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Our regular board meeting is
Tuesday, June 6. We have dec-
isions on a focal study for next
winter, a revised Wedding Policy
document, the use of the Capital
Outreach Fund of the Memorial
Funds, a Church Vocation Schol-
arship, and other important con-
cerns. Attention will be given
to the final wrap up of our
Building Fund effort for this
calendar year.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS:

Leslie Futterer on May 28,
1978. Graveside services were
held on May 31. Sympathy is ex-
tended to wife, Hortense, and
their families.

Harvey Smelser on May 30, 1978.
Sympathy is extended to wife,
Carrie and daughters and famil-
ies.

MAY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	271
Church School	117
Through-the-Week	19
Budget Giving	\$2,327.88
Building Fund	214.88

NEW MEMBERS: Laura Sauerwein,
Jack and Pam Bickel

NOMINATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At our congregational meeting following dinner this Sunday is our annual election. The following lists nominees. Nominees from the floor are welcome providing persons have agreed to the nomination and qualifications are met. Several groups are competitive elections to insure congregational control and thus the vote of every member is important.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS - July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1980.

Moderator of Board & Congregation - Andrew C. Cook

Vice-Moderator of Board & Congregation - Mildred Hartman

Evangelism Committee - ??

Education Committee - ??

Board of Diaconate - Delores Keebortz and Mark Akers

Lay Personnel Commmittee - Earl Plummer

Outreach & Service Committee - Armella Newman

Stewardship Committee (unexpired term until June 30, 1979) - ??

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF ELDERS AND DIACONATE:

Elders - July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1983: William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, Mark Snyder

Elder - July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1982: Joe Wiley

Board of Diaconate - July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1983: Mel Busse, Dan Church, Sam Hayes, Mildred Hutchinson, Jim Jump, Pat Mullen, Jeff Young, Laura York.

Board of Diaconate - July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1981 (unexpired term): Anne Lee.

COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS FOR TERMS - July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1980

ELDER REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD - Two to be elected:

Barbara Short, Rolland Ripple, Ben Taylor, Jack Weicker

DEACON REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD - Two to be elected:

Ennis Brown, Mike Byers, Sam Hayes, Robert Orr

DEACONNESS REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD - Two to be elected:

Sue Allen, Eunice Conrad, Bev Hendricks, Mildred Hutchinson

CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD - Two to be elected:

Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Pauline Horn, Vincent Wells

LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Two to be elected: Judy Church, Joyce Crowe, Barbara Hayes and ??

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST CONGREGATIONAL DINNER TO BE HONORED SUNDAY:

Jennie Harter, Mike & Pam Akers, Robert Baron, William, Sue, & Klark Kerley, Doris Bushey, Ron, Brenda, Kim & Sherri Shipley, Wade Smith, Mike & Pat Mullen, Charline Craig, James & Leesa Jump, Ron & Sue Kiger, Phillis Shidler, Linda Peterson, Dan & Jolene Dickey, Arabella Kreischer, Laura Sauerwein, Jack & Pam Bickel.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 2 & 3

Nelson Group Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

3:30 P.M. Young Couples at the
Clines for swim party and cook-
out

6:30 P.M. CUC's Class Potluck
at Wiley's 1817 Buckskin

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 A.M. Senior Breakfast at
Richard's Resturant

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:15 P.M. Congregational Dinner
and Annual Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 A.M. Study Group, Judy
Church, 5126 Werling

6:30 P.M. Brummel Group Dinner
Out

7:00 P.M. CYF at Church's
5126 Werling

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

11:00 A.M. Kepple Group Potluck
Ruth Ogles, 3322 Rosewood

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

10:30 A.M. Spice Group, Mildred
Hogg, 1206 Three Rivers

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

NEEDING D.M.A. RESERVATIONS!

\$7 for bus and Playhouse tickets
for "RODGERS AND HART--A MUSICAL
CELEBRATION" at Wagon Wheel Play-
house in Warsaw. We will leave
our parking lot at 6:45 P.M. Turn
in names and money for self and
guests now. First come --first
served!

NELSON GROUP RUMMAGE SALE AT THE
CHURCH, JUNE 2 & 3

NEW STUDY GROUP STARTING

A new study group has begun and
will run through the summer mon-
ths, and for an indefinite time
thereafter. The group is meeting
in homes, weekly, with the next
meeting at the home of Mike and
Susie Watson, 4044 S. Monroe, on
June 9, at 8:00 P.M. At the pre-
sent time, meetings are being ar-
ranged each week according to the
calendar and needs of the group.
The study is an intensive study
of the Book of Acts, using as a
basic text, DRUMBEAT OF LOVE, by
Lloyd Ogilvie. If you would be
interested in becoming a part of
this group, please contact Miriam
Bixenman at the church office.

CAMP OUT DATES ANNOUNCED

All Church Camp Outs this summer
will be held on the following
dates:

June 16, 17, & 18 - Chain of
Lakes State Park

July 14, 15, & 16 - Barbee Chris-
tian Camp (with the Huntington
Christian Church, as arranged
last fall by the camping
group.)

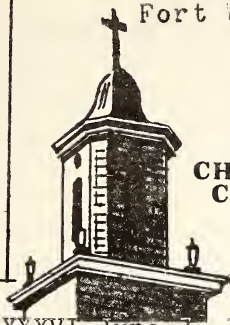
August 25, 26, & 27 - Barbee
Camp (to include all church
planning retreat on Saturday,
August 26).

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JUNE 4-10, 1978

Cindy Akers	Jeff Frappier
John Briggs	Florence Griffith
Adalee Clifton	William Howard
Marvin Crouse	Thelma Jackson
Sylvia Engle	Delores Overmyer
Bonnie Evans	Joan Penny
James Fick	Wayne Rousseau
Jack Flaugh	Edna Shoe

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - Choir
Sunday
1:00 P.M. Young Couples Swim &
Meal at Clines
2:00 P.M. Synagogue Visit

MONDAY, JUNE 12

2:00 Noon Fellowship Guild Pot-
luck, Mildred Hartman 422 W.
Oakdale

8:15 P.M. HELPER

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

2:00 Noon Nelson Group Eat Out
8:45 P.M. Bus leaves Parking Lot
for Wagon Wheel in Warsaw

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude
Donahue, 2725 Hoagland

THURSDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

All-Church Camp Out - Chain-of-
Lakes State Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 A.M. CYF Car Wash

8:00 P.M. INTERFAITH WORSHIP

We are invited to attend the FESTIVAL OF WEEKS service at the B'nai
Jacob Synagogue, 2340 Fairfield Ave., this Sunday at 8:00 P.M. Rabbi
Loof will answer questions and explain the service at a social hour fol-
lowing the service. This is one of a series of visitations to various
churches sponsored by the Inter Religious Action Council.

BEGIN WEEK IN WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. Cline: "THE LORD IS
MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION" - Psalms
27. Emphasis on Quiet and Medita-
tion - In quietness find the deepest
rootage of life.

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Our annual CHOIR SUNDAY will be
the focal expression of worship as
led by the Chancel Choir and the
Children's Choir. Communion cele-
bration but no sermon for this wor-
ship hour. Sara Davis will direct
our Chancel Choir for seven anthems
accompanied by Jerry Zimmerman
Susan Jones will direct our Child-
ren's Choir in three anthems. Con-
gregational singing will also high-
light this experience. Express ap-
preciation for choirs and their ef-
forts by joining in this worship.

\$200 is still needed to pay on
the new choir robes. This is a sp-
ecial giving opportunity and must be
marked for Choir Robes.

SERVING JUNE 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and
Ben Taylor
10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW, D. Allen, P. Yentes
10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-NE, C. Schwartz-NW, W. Bowen-SE, D. Wortley-SW, D. Church, D. Short, R. Baugher, R. Jenkins

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - M. Byers
R. Rayl - D. Keebortz
F. Smell - C. Church

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson & Eunice Conrad

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt
10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, B. Stucky, B. Finkhausen

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 314 Mr. Bill Lehman
347 Mr. Ron Shipley

ST. JOSEPH:

821 Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson
507 Mr. William Howard

LUTHERAN: 570 Mr. Bill Taylor
301 Mr. Wendall Glass

C.Y.F. CAR WASH

A car wash for \$1.50 per car is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PENTECOST OFFERING

We received a total of \$550 for this special World Outreach offering to be mailed for Christian Church Outreach. Thanks to all who shared in this special giving celebrating Pentecost!

COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS

This class jumped to 10 last Sunday--the welcome mat is out for other high school grads and singles to join in this study of "LIVING ON THE GROWING EDGE" by Bruce Larson led by Steve & Tana Harter in Room 132 at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday.

CALLING YOUNG COUPLES:

This group of young couples without children or only one child are invited to the Clines at 1:00 next Sunday the 11th. Come for the swin and meal together and meet other young couples among us! We have at least 16 such couples not active in the Christians Under Construction or other class groups.

SUMMER CAMP & CONFERENCE

Registrations need to be turned in for summer Camp & Conference. Staff and Campers now include:
CAMP 5 & 6 - BARBEE - JUNE 26-JULY 1

Counselor: Bruce Lehman

CAMP 5 & 6 - BARBEE - JULY 17-22

Youth: Bob Briggs, Dawn Ketner

CAMP 7 & 8 - BARBEE - JULY 30-AUGUST 5

Youth: Tim Briggs, Mai Pauley

CAMP 11 & 12 - AUGUST 6-12

Counselor: Harold E. Cline

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 20, 21, 22; 27, 28 & 29

CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION OF JUNE 4, 1978

11 terms begin July 1, 1978 and run for either two years through June 30, 1980 or for five years through June 30, 1983 unless filling an unexpired term.

OFFICERS FOR TWO YEARS: Moderator - *Andy Cook*; Vice-Moderator - *Mildred Hartman*

CHAIRPERSONS FOR COMMITTEES FOR TWO YEARS: *Andrea Benny-Evangelism; Earl Plummer-Lay Personnel; Delores Keebortz & Mark Akers-Board of Diaconate; Armella Newman-Outreach & Service*

ELDERS FOR FIVE YEARS: *William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, and Mark Snyder*; and FOR FOUR YEARS: *Joe Wiley*.

BOARD OF DIACONATE FOR FIVE YEARS: *Mel Busse, Dan Church, Sam Hayes, Mildred Hutchinson, James Jump, Pat Mullen, Jeff Young, Laura York,* and FOR THREE YEARS: *Anne Lee*.

COMPETITIVELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR TWO YEARS: Elders: *Barbara Short and Jack Weicker*; Deaconesses: *Sue Allen and Eunice Conrad*; Deacons: *Sam Hayes and Robert Orr*; Congregation-at-Large: *Mary Lou Hartzler and Pauline Horn*

COMPETITIVELY ELECTED MEMBERS OF LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS: *Judy Church and Barbara Hayes*

We also want to give a special word of appreciation to the following who were nominated but not elected in our democratically controlled competitive elections: *Rolland Ripple, Ben Taylor, Bev Hendricks, Mildred Hutchinson, Ennis Brown, Michael Byers, Amelia Dare, Vincent Wells, and Joyce Crowe*. These allowed choices to be made. We thank you! Nomination is also an honor!

ROLLING FOR TRIP TO WAGON WHEEL

Our annual outing sponsored by M.A. to Wagon Wheel is just next Tuesday, June 13. We will meet at 8:45 and leave by bus for the 8:00 performance of ROGERS AND HART--A MUSICAL at Warsaw.

Registration is needed as quick as possible at the church office--first come, first served. Cost is \$3 for the bus and \$4 for the play or a total of \$7 made out at the church. On Tuesday we had to fill a 46 passenger bus.

FAMILY SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Can you give one and one-half hours per week at noon one day? This is an opportunity for you and your children (any age) to deliver hot meals to shut-ins. It will give a child a real opportunity to serve the community and also give the shut-ins the joy of seeing children. Do call us today to volunteer as a regular or substitute, or to get additional information. Call 456-3289 mornings. Donna Byers, Home Bound Meals Chairperson.

FALL CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS ORDERED

Materials for the church school, beginning with the fall quarter in September, have been ordered. Selections have been made by the Education Committee and adult classes taking into consideration any feedback given us concerning material resources, and the questionnaires filled out by many church groups. It was necessary to order the new CE/SA materials by June 1 in order to insure having them ready for fall.

Selections are as follows:

CHILDREN AGE 2-4 - Living the Word resources

CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE - Interpreting the Word resources

GRADES 9-12 - to continue their Bible study of the Book of Revelation using Barclay's Daily Study Bible as resource.

THE BEREAN CLASS - to continue their regular Bible study, using the Interpreter's Bible as resource.

THE PROGRESSIVE, COME DOUBLE, AND HARMONY CLASSES - to continue using the International Lesson Series (a part of Knowing the Word series)

THE CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CLASS - Using the Living the Word Adult resources.

THE GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS - Using the Interpreting the Word adult resource.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 11-17, 1978

Edwin R. Allen

Ellen Buchanan

Cathy (Dusing) Katt

Karen Doehrman

Robert Englehart

Anita Fountain

Ada Greider

Jane (Weicker) Hahn

Steve Hall

Mildred Hogg

Barbara (Hendricks) Johnson

Marilyn McDougale

Robert Nulf

Marilyn Rayl

Bill Schilling

Evelyn Yeoman

MARK CALENDARS!

Lay Personnel Committee -
7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 20.

Worship & Pastoral Relations
Committee - 7:30 P.M. Tuesday,
June 27.

Diaconate for new Church
year - 7:30 P.M., Thursday,
June 29.

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING JUNE

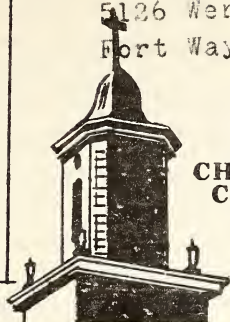
Victor and Marion McAnallen

Both are involved in educational administrative work for the Department of Education of the Church of Christ in Thailand. They first went in 1957 and pioneered in efforts in the northwest jungles in Thailand.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

All Church Camp Out

Chain-of-Lakes State Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CYF CAR WASH

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Morning

Worship Hours

9:30 A.M. Church School

7:00 P.M. CYF at Clint Crowe's

4727 Innsbruck

MONDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 P.M. HELPER

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

PANTRY NEEDS

P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT,

TUNA, POWDERED MILK

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Every member and friend of First Christian is asked to help enlist at least 60 children for 12 hours of significant learning in our Vacation School. Invite children of every neighborhood and offer transportation to bring them.

Our School will begin promptly at 9:30 A.M. and end at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, & 29. The theme is "GOD'S WORLD AND ME" developed through study, worship, singing, creative activities and play.

KINDERGARTEN (Those in Kindergarten last school year and next fall)

Nila Schilling & Leesa Jump,
teachers

1ST & 2ND GRADE (last school year)

Sharon Pauley, teacher

3RD & 4TH GRADE (last school year)

Karen Flickinger & Armella Newman,
teachers

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Sara Davis

DIRECTORS - Val Taylor & Miriam
Bixenman

All are invited to help make our school an outreach of enlistment and learning for children this summer!

SERVING JUNE 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Glenn Miller

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
William Love

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10:45 A.M. B. Love-NW, M. Akers-NE, M. Byers-SW, S. Allen-SE, R. Orr, M. Finkhousen, M. Crouse, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz & Sue Allen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, L. Wiley,
C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 347 Mr. Ron Shipley

336 Mr. Ron Elliott

LUTHERAN: 494 Miss Kim Johnson

...M301 Mr. Wendell Glass

DONATIONS FOR V.C.S.

If you would like to help on refreshments for Vacation Church School, contact Mrs. Bixenman about furnishing cookies or leave fruit juices or Hawaiian Punch and cookies in the kitchen.

"We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers, the dinner, cards and calls.

The kind words of Rev. Cline and Miriam Bixenman.

May this express at least in part, sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness."

The Smelser Family

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

William James Halbrook, 510 Picadilly Circle, 16, 456-9346, identified with us in a transfer of membership from the Baptist Church in Washburn, Maine. Bill has become a very active singer in our choir in recent months. He is a driver for Essex Wire, though he is now still in recovery from back surgery. His wife, Deann, has been a member here since 1961.

Jim Shirley also came forward in a recommitment of life.

We rejoice in these decisions!

THANK YOU!

"May I express my deepest and sincere gratitude to those sending cards, also the Homebound Communion, and the many visits by Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline, the concern and prayers of all those people during Leslie's long illness and passing.

God bless all!"

Hortense Futterer and all

"A note of appreciation because you've been kind--thank you very much. The visits at the hospital during Mr. McCandless' surgery and recovery was appreciated very much.

Mr. & Mrs. H.E. McCandless

C.Y.F. CAR WASH THIS SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Church Parking Lot
Cleaned Inside and Outside
\$1.50

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON JUNE 6, 1978

Upon recommendation of the Elders and Evangelism Committee, the Board voted not only approval but personal involvement in one of two serious membership study classes next fall or winter. This new class series will be a major focus for our church life in the coming 78-79 church year. The questions underlying the program are--"What does it mean to be a Christian?" and "What does it mean to be a Christian as a Disciple of Christ, and in particular as a member of First Christian Church". COMMITMENT will be focused upon in three aspects 1) Commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord; 2) Commitment to the Body of Christ or church; and 3) Commitment to the work of Christ in the world.

Our goal is to involve at least 100 in each series of the class including elders, deacons, deaconesses, present members, and inquirers for membership in our congregation. No other church program will be calendared during the sessions. The purpose is to deepen the basic meaning and commitment level within our congregation and use this experience as a backdrop for future inquirers into our Christian life and congregation.

FALL SERIES: Enlistment from June 15 to August 15

Orientation - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sunday, August 20

Sessions - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sunday, September 17 -- November 19

HELPER Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Saturday, November 4

WINTER SERIES: Enlistment from November 20 to January 6, 1979

Orientation - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sunday, January 7, 1979

Sessions - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sundays, February 4 -- April 8

HELPER Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Saturday, March 31

The recommendation for an updating of our Wedding Policies was sent back to the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee for further clarification and changes. \$511 was voted from Capital Outreach Fund of our Memorial Funds for a new serving table in the kitchen of Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky. This is a homeland ministry of the Christian Church in eastern Kentucky. \$50 was voted for the survey for the proposed Southwest Fort Wayne Senior Citizen program being planned jointly by us and Lutheran Church of the Savior, Peace Lutheran, Grace United Church of Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic, First Unitarian, and Achduth Vesholm congregation. Approval was also voted for \$375 to be granted during this summer to Ron Connerly from our Church Vocation Scholarship Fund of Memorial Funds.

Because of his being hired as Director of Music at the Salem United Church of Christ, Mel Busse resigned as Youth Choir Director and Assistant Chancel Choir Director. The Board accepted this with regret and expressed thanks for his services and asked the Worship and Pastoral Relations

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ACTIONS FROM THE CHURCH BOARD (from page three)

Committee to proceed with his replacement.

An update report was made on our Building Fund which concludes this year. Our loan of \$28,000 has been repaid on an accelerated basis with interest only totaling \$2,339.50. Because 22.5% was voted for Capital Outreach Causes and only \$3,159.89 has been used to date we stand with the following for these final months of 1978.

TOTAL PLEDGES FOR THREE YEARS	\$77,240.75	
Given through June 4, 1978	<u>63,686.19</u>	
NEEDED BY DECEMBER 31, 1978		\$13,554.56

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Capital Outreach - for ACTS Program of the Christian Church in Indiana to be designated for a New Entry Way and Roads at Indian Lake Retreat and Camp Center.	12,000.00
Savings from early payment of loan which can go for No. 1 Priority on Building and Equipment List -- Storm Windows to save fuel.	1,554.56

Recognition was given to the following who end terms on the Board and do not continue after June 30, 1978, namely, William and Margaret Love, Jerry Zimmerman, Connie Wells, Russ Wortley, Ben Taylor, Bert Leversee, Bruce Lehman, Bev Hendricks, and Amelia Dare, Jack Weicker was also recognized for his leadership as Moderator for four and one-half years even though he will continue as a representative on the Board.

ADDITIONAL VCS CLASS

Peg Buskirk, who was to do the child care for VCS has suggested that she would be happy to have a class for children who were either 2 or 3 years old by October 1. Therefore, if there are children now in our Nursery who would like to come, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, & 29 we will have a class. Please call Peg (745-3365) to enroll these children.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 18-24, 1978

Kathlyn Banet	Edna Johnson
William Caldwell	Charles Ludwig
Deborah Clifton	August Mueller
Arlene Downes	Loretta Orr
Paul Dunham	Gloria Phillips
Dan Flickinger	Beth Schilling
Dorothy Green	Homer Stevenson
Jennie Harter	Mark Williams

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING JUNE:

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COMMISSIONING, RECOGNITION, INSTALLATION, REDEDICATION
SUNDAY 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

COMMISSIONING FOR C.W.F. QUADRENNIAL at Purdue: Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church, Carol Cline, Ruby Cline, Amelia Dare, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Connie Wells, and Nancy Wortley.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Recognition for Ending Terms: Amelia Dare, Bev Hendricks, Bruce Lehman, Bert Leversee, William & Margaret Love, Ben Taylor, Connie Wells, Russ Wortley, Jerry Zimmerman. Installation for New Terms Andrew Cook, Mildred Hartman, Andrea Benny, Earl Plummer, Delores Keebortz, Mark Akers, Armella Newman, Barbara Short, Jack Weicker, Sue Allen, Eunice Conrad, Sam Hayes, Robert Orr, Mary Lou Hartzler, Pauline Horn. Rededication for Continuing Terms: Ramona Ketner, Ronald Flickinger, George Davis, Ralph Church, Rose Jenkins, George Bruckman, Steve Harter, Robert Johnson, Janet Weicker, Carl Schwartz, Bob Pauley, Peggy Buskirk, Carol Cline, Ruth Plummer, and Mel Busse.

BOARD OF ELDERS - Recognition for Ending Terms: Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler. Installation for New Terms William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, Mark Snyder, Joe Wiley. Rededication for Continuing Terms: Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Fred Smell, Janet Weicker, Steve Harter, Margaret Love, Robert Rayl, Jack Weicker, Judy Church, Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, George Bruckman, William Love, Barbara Short.

BOARD OF DIACONATE - Recognition for Ending Terms: Rose Jenkins, Carole Lee, Bruce Lehman, Edna Nordblom, Homer Stevenson, Russell Wortley. Installation for New Terms: Mel Busse, Dan Church, Sam Hayes, Mildred Hutchinson, James Jump, Pat Mullen, Jefferson Young, Laura York, Anne Lee. Rededication for Continuing Terms: Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Gary Falbe, Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Donald Short,
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SERVING JUNE 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Judy Church and
Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-NW, P. Yentes-
SW, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-NW, A. Benny-
NE, R. Krull-SW, G. Davis-SE, E.
Conrad, S. Schell, B. Hendricks,
C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Taylor - K. Place

M. Love - G. Davis

R. Rayl - R. Orr

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, S. Callahan,
B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN M-322 Mr. Edward Bressler

PARKVIEW 750 Mrs. Ruth Stucky

605 Mrs. Freda Flaugh

DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER

Mr. Kenneth Edwards, in Mesa, Arizona, on 6/15/78. Services were held on Sunday. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Ruby, and family. Her address is Citrus Gardens Mobile Park, #307, 4065 University Drive, Mesa, AZ, 45205.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Robert Hendricks and family in the death of his father, Simon Hendricks, who had long been a leader in First Christian, Auburn.

NEW CUSTODIAN BEGINS SUNDAY

John L. Peterson begins as a full time custodian in our building this Sunday, June 25. He will be working a 40 hour week plus extra time for weddings. He normally will be off on Tuesdays and will work 4 hours on both Saturdays and Sundays. In order to facilitate his setting up for meetings and groups, be sure to calendar all activities in the building through the office and when setting dates made arrangements for any special set up of rooms.

As was announced earlier, Art Mowery's employment ended on February 28 and Cory Church ended as weekend assistant on June 18. We thank George Bruckman, Delores Keebortz, and many others who have worked so diligently on the building in recent weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Mike & Debbie Brian, a daughter, Elizabeth Meaghan, on June 15, 1978.

INVITATION TO WEDDING & RECEPTION

Mr. & Mrs. William R. Love
and

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert M. Mettler
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Barbara Jane Love

and

B.J. Mettler

Saturday, July 1, 1978 at 4:00 P.M.
First Christian Church

Reception following at Holiday
Inn Northwest,
3330 West California Rd.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:15 & 10:45 Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:00 P.M. CYF at Cline's

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 P.M. HELPER

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 A.M. Vacation School

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:30 A.M. Vacation School

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:30 A.M. Vacation School

7:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate

PANTRY NEEDS:

DIAPERS, SPAM, CANNED FRUIT,
SOUP, POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER

NEW YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

A new Church School Class will begin this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 230--which is the East Parlor. This is for young couples without children or presently with only one. At least five couples have indicated firm support and others are encouraged to help begin this new group in our church life.

THE TASTE OF NEW WINE, by Keith Miller, will be used as the first study basis for the class led temporarily by Dr. Cline. Sunday, June 25th is the kick-off date!

\$119 NEEDED FOR CHOIR ROBES

We have whittled the balance due on choir robes to \$119. If others would give, mark it so on regular or special envelopes to wipe out this deficit for the new robes.

BOARD OF DIACONATE - THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1978 - Conference Room #120.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 1978

Miriam Bixenman Ruby Kolkman

James Buchanan Laura Manes

Milas Driver Mary Alice Mullins

Jo Franklin Bobby Pauley

Fred Grier Karen Rogers

Archie Hendricks Susan Rousseau

Mary Higgins Mary Snouffer

James Hirschy Ardith Wrisk

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER:
Victor & Marian McAnallan

GUEST ON JULY 2

We are privileged to host an overseas guest from the CWF Quadrennial - Yvonne Davidson from Jamaica. She will share in a Dialogue Sermon with Dr. Cline on the morning of July 2. From 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on that Sunday afternoon, she is a special guest for a cluster of churches at West Creighton Christian Church. All our people are invited for the afternoon gathering.

HYMNS I ENJOY SINGING

Persons were asked last Sunday to list on 3 x 5 cards favorite hymns which they enjoy singing and to sign their name. Any absent last Sunday are urged to turn in their hymn favorites by the end of June. We desire to know what our people enjoy singing in worship!

SPECIAL GIVING FOR OTHERS

\$550 was mailed last week for our special Pentecost offering for others. We also mailed \$108.00 from the Transitory Fund from giving and \$54.76 from the CWF for the Blanket Drive recently. Thanks to all who shared in this giving.

BE SURE GIVING IS CURRENT!

Susan Thompson, Sue Allen, Peg Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Max Finkhousen, Eileen Klepfer, Robert Orr, Kenneth Place, Scott Rayl, Schellie Schell, Bev Hendricks, Clarence Hetrick, Bob Pauley, Mark Akers, Andrea Benny, Walter Bowen, Michael Byers, Barbara Love, Carl Schwartz, Diana Wortley, Paul Ventes.

JOIN WITH THESE IN THESE SPECIAL WORSHIP HOURS SUNDAY AT 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.! Any whose names are listed and cannot attend, please contact the church office. We are counting on you if you are in the community.

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

May I affirm two points where I am right now! I believe in the Gospel and its rightness for each of us to find life in its fullest dimensions! I believe in First Christian Church and the potentials of its life and witness in the world! I am sensing both values and possibilities which are giving me strong feelings for the work of the Lord.

I want to give deep thanks and appreciation to our musical leadership and participants for Choir Sunday! Beautiful music and meaningful music was our experience. Several highlights struck me. Others enjoyed other parts of the service. Our Children's Choir has been at peak level this past Choir Season. Thanks to those who have given countless hours in rehearsals and in leading our music during worship! I look forward this summer to those who have agreed to give special music as a part of worship!

While on the subject of music, I was thrilled Sunday with the response to favorite hymns which people enjoy singing. The requests stands for all to submit three favorite songs which they enjoy singing. I also rejoiced in fact that so many favorites are regularly used. We have a wide range of favorites in our congregation.

We are in the summer months with variant schedules for some. I encourage the fullest possible life within our congregation both for the sake of each life and the life of the community of faith. Or to put it in another and Biblical phrase, failure in certain areas is "robbery of God" and self and others. When out of town, schedule Sundays to include a worship experience in a community of faith. Gain from variant experience. Bring the bulletin back with you with your name on it and give it to the pastor or office. Whenever you are in town, be present in worship and bring house guests with you. If you are leaving or returning on Sundays, adjust schedules to include worship. Keep current in giving through the summer months. Use the summer for the glory of God!

I rejoice with you in our Lord Jesus and trust that our lives might find fulfillment in him. I hope to see you Sunday for special worship hour of significance!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 1

4:30 P.M. Mettler-Love Wedding

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:15 & 10:45 Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:00 P.M. Global Concern-West
Creighton Church

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed

COMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 P.M. - Board of Trustees
Meeting

Sunday, July 30

12:00 Noon and through afternoon-
Church Wide Picnic at McMillen
Park

Sunday, August 20

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Orientation
Session for Inquirers and Member-
ship Renewal Fall Class Series

Friday to Sunday, August 25-27

Church-Wide Camp Out at Camp Bar-
bee

Saturday, August 27

Church-Wide Planning and Fellow-
ship Day at Camp Barbee starting
at 9:00 A.M. and continuing
through 7:30 P.M. Campfire.

GUESTS ADDING A WORLD VIEW TO OUR WORSHIP

Our Morning Worship hours will be highlighted this Sunday by Yvonne Davidson from Jamaica and Marope Modukanele from South Africa. These women are guests of our congregation from Friday through Wednesday following their participation in the C.W.F. Quadrennial at Purdue. Dr. Cline will engage these guests in a dialogue so that we may learn of their faith and Christian perspective. This is a Sunday in personal involvement in world mission and learning from this outlook.

These women will be involved in a Cluster Conversation from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at West Creighton Christian Church to which we are also invited.

All are invited both to come and to bring guests and visitors for this worship with a Global concern: "For God so loved the world, he sent his only son." May we share the Father's love and willingness to be involved with others!

Sara Davis is our soloist Sunday!

SERVING JULY 2

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, S. Rayl-
NW, M. Busse, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, W.
Bowen-NW, L York-SE, J. Young-NE,
G. Falbe, C. Schwartz, D. Wortley,
P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

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Elinor Place - Mildred Hutchinson
Coffee Hour

Charlie & Armella Newman &

Emma Lou Niernan

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, J. Ott,
S. Melchi

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN M-322 Mr. Edward Bressler

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ERROR:

The wedding of B. J. Mettler and
Barbara Love is at 4:30 P.M. this
Saturday in our Worship Nave rather
than 4:00 as incorrectly printed
last week. Sorry for the error!

OMISSION IN DIACONATE LISTING:

Six continuing members of the
Board of Diaconate were omitted in
our listing last week, namely, Cory
Church, Ken Taylor, Doug Allen,
Ennis Brown, Carol Cline, & George
Davis. Sorry for the error!

WOMEN AT QUADRENNIAL:

We have nine participants at the
Sixth C.W.F. Quadrennial at Purdue
University this week, namely:
Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church, Rub
& Carol Cline, Amelia Dare, Mild-
red Hutchinson, Sharon Pauley,
Connie Wells, and Nancy Wortley.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 2-8, 1978

Janice Ashton	Wanda Ingmire
James Brickley	David Kreischer
Julie Burkett	Mary McAtee
Arthur Chevalier	Teresa Meadows
Donna Drudge	Marie Pritchard
Catherine Freed	Hortense Steven
Steven Harter	Bruce Stone
William Houk	Elsie Widler

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER:
Marjorie Hill & Ruth Harner

ADDITIONS TO VACATION CHURCH
SCHOOL STAFF:

Betty Grimm, Joan Ott, and Jim
Taylor are added to those teaching
in the Vacation Church School.
We rejoice in the response of
children necessitating more
leadership and materials. We
averaged 68 during the first week.
Enlistment helped bring up our
participation level! Thanks!

COMINGS DATES:

New Board of Trustees meeting
on Tuesday, July 18, at 7:30 P.M.
in Conference Room.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Terry Allen Borton and Kimberly
Kay Johnson on 6/24/78. They are
residing at 2224 Fox Avenue, -04.

CALLING ALL MEN---INDIANA MEN'S GATHERING

All our men are encouraged to join with several hundred Indiana Disciple Men at Indiana Central College on July 20-22. The theme is "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE". It begins on Thursday at 6:30 P.M. with supper and ends with lunch at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday.

Dr. Forrest Haggard, pastor of Overland Park Christian Church in Kansas City, is theme speaker. Dr. David Darnell is the Bible lecturer and Robert Kintner is in charge of the music.

In addition to these key leaders many national leaders will share in reflection times and there are 16 Discovery-Witness Groups to choose from on Friday Afternoon.

Registration deadline is July 7, contact Dr. Cline or the office now.

YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCE IS COMING ON -- REGISTER NOW

Camp 5 & 6 at Barbee, June 26-July 1 -- Bruce Lehman, counselor.

Camp 5 & 6 at Barbee, July 17-22 -- Marlene Crouse, counselor.

Youth: Bob Briggs, Kristin Byers, Andrew Crowe, Ron Flickinger, Dawn Ketner.

Camp 7 & 8 at Barbee, July 24-29 -- Youth: Julie Ann Cook, Eric Jenkins.

Camp 9 & 10 at Barbee, July 30-Aug. 5 -- Youth: Tim Briggs, Mai Pauley.

Camp 11 & 12 at Barbee, Aug. 6-12 -- Harold E. Cline, counselor.

NOW is the time for many more of our youth to sign up and get registered for this summer experience. We are low in registrations from First Christian Church and some weeks are running much fuller than in recent years. REGISTER NOW!

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING JULY

Miss Marjorie Hill and the Rev. Dr. Ruth May Harner in India.

Marjorie Hill grew up in a missionary family in India. She has served in India since 1951, mostly in Bilaspur, Madhya Pradesh, at Jackman Memorial Hospital, where her special responsibilities included interviewing incoming patients, and following them up on their return home; the distribution of Church World Service food to needy persons; and arranging for the care and adoption of orphan babies. Since her last furlough she is now promotional secretary with the Voluntary Health Association of India.

Ruth Harner likewise was born in India of missionary parents and has served there since 1944. Since completing her doctorate in 1975 has been developing innovative programs for training workers in the delivery of basic health care to the neglected poor in rural and urban areas.

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This involves much travel to lead workshops and training conferences as she fulfills her role as consultant in nursing education and health with the headquarters staff of the Voluntary Health Association of India located in Delhi.

5TH & 6TH GRADE MEMBERSHIP CLASS TO BEGIN:

Beginning this Sunday and continuing through the months of July and August, Miriam Bixenman will be teaching a church membership class for 5th & 6th graders in the regular Church School Class. She will be assisted by the regular teacher, Sally Cline. Children not regularly enrolled are invited to attend for this special series. We will be considering something of the history of the church and of the Disciples of Christ in particular, the basic beliefs of the Disciples, the meaning of Christian Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as the meaning and need for church membership. Definite assignments will be given during this series. Parents are asked to work with their children in preparing the assignments and in seeing that they are regular in attendance.

THANKS FOR SPECIAL GIVING:

Special gifts this past week completed catch-up on the Choir Robes and also on the Youth Lounge Pool Table--Both are paid and gifts cover the full cost. We thank all who helped complete these two projects!

TRIP TO DUNKIRK GLASS DAYS

Our D.M.A. is sponsoring a bus to Dunkirk, -- "Glass Capital of Indiana" on Thursday, July 27. This is during the 12th Annual Glass Days Festival. The bus will leave our parking lot at 9:00 A.M. and return at 4:00 P.M. at a charge of \$4 per person.

Browse in the new Glass Museum--no charge; free tours of Kerr Glass Manufacturing and Indiana Glass Company; all day flea market; noon meal available on own.

We have 27 signed up to go in the church office--We have room for 19 more--Call and get your name on the list as soon as possible!

JUNE AVERAGES:

Worship	265
Church School	118
Thr. Week Ed.	62
Budget Giving	\$2,104.34
Building Fund	222.40

NEW MEMBER DURING JUNE:

William Halbrook

CAMP OUTS:

We are slated for a joint Camp Out with Central Christian of Huntington on July 14-16 at Camp Barbee. Turn in names to Miriam Bixenman if you plan to participate.

The CYF is planning a trip and Camp Out, July 16-18 at Warren Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan. Contact Cory Church or Dr. Cline about going.

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GREETINGS IN THE BOND OF OUR LORD JESUS!

Each of us received a greeting Sunday from Maropi Madukanele of Botswana in South Africa. She had been commissioned to share such warmth with us. Our guests, Maropi and Yvonne Davidson of Jamaica added much to our worship on Sunday as they shared out of their Christian experience.

Both shared much about the outreach of the church. Maropi told of the indispensable aid which is shared with the destitute of Botswana and the incoming refugees from Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa. This comes through Church World Service which we aid monthly through week of Compassion Support. Yvonne spoke much of the aid and giving of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church. This partnership with our churches in Jamaica is vital and meaningful. I rejoiced that we are a congregation committed to Outreach Support and moving towards substantial increase in this work.

Fun--festivities--fellowship--These words and others are being used to describe an upcoming event for our congregation. A CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, July 30. The pavillion is rented as our center for the day. We will eat there at 1:00 P.M.. For the meal bring table service, drinks, and covered dishes to share in a potluck dinner.

Some group activities and games especially for children are being planned. Swimming is available in the park at cost. Bring Jarts, Badminton, and other games you desire to share on the grass. This is a day to cross age group lines and become acquainted in an informal setting. PLAN NOW FOR JULY 30TH.

See you Sunday in Worship at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M..

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JULY 9

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, P.
Yentes-NW, C. Church, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. D. Short-SW, R. Baugher-
NW, S. Hayes-SE, A. Benny-NE, J.
Young, M. Byers, S. Allen, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,

H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Franklin - Ennis Brown

William Love - Dan Church

Merle Grimm - Sue Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Elinor Place - Mildred Hutchinson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, A. Newman,

D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

525 - Mrs. Becky (Banet) Patton

249 - Mrs. Marie Atkinson

417 - William Hartzler

LUTHERAN:

M332 - Mr. Edward Bressler

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Bernard Joseph Mettler and Barbara
Jane Love on 7/1/78. They are resid-
ing at 721 E. Camden, 15, - 484-5067.

TAPES FOR CHOIR SUNDAY:

Tapes of the music from choir Sun-
day, June 11, will be available at
\$2. Call the church office to order
one if you desire.

THANKS TO CHURCH:

"A most sincere thank you to
Reverend Harold Cline, Miriam
Bixenman and to all our friends
at First Christian Church. Your
prayers, visits to the hospital,
words of encouragement, and cards
were greatly appreciated. May
God bless you all."

Louis & Opal Culbertson

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:

82 children were enrolled along
with 14 teachers and leaders.
With the 96 total enrollment, we
had an average attendance of 70
for the six days. We rejoice
in this concentrated learning
experience with our children!
We thank those who enlisted chil-
dren, provided transportation,
and helped in various ways.

We also are adding more who
helped in the program including
Sherri Crawford, Bruce Grimm,
and Mary Lou Hartzler.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AND
ENABLED THIS EXPERIENCE OF GROWTH
AND RELATIONSHIP TO HAPPEN!!!

STAFF VACATIONS:

Barbara Short returned this
week after being gone to Okla-
homa from June 21 through July 3.

Harold Cline is gone Wednesday
through Saturday this week in
Ohio and will be participating
along with Ruby in an Ecumenical
Prayer Seminar next Tuesday
through Friday at Yokefellow
House in Richmond led by Father
Keith Hosey, Dr. Grover Hartman,
and others.

Miriam Bixenman will be gone
from July 18 through July 29.

BUILDING FUND PROGRAM - 1975-78

HISTORY

During 1975 the Board and congregation voted both for a building fund campaign for various building needs and initiated several projects to improve and maintain our building in the best functional condition.

During September and October we received 181 three year pledges for a total of \$77,240.05 in our effort for a goal of \$85,000. The official dates were November 1, 1975 through October 31, 1978:

GIVING TO DATE

Here is our standing according to recorder figures of March 31, 1978:

	No. of Pledges	Amt. of Pledges	Actual Giving
Commitments Paid in Full	64	24,720.85	25,891.00
No Longer Members	13	5,675.00	1,283.15
Basically Current in Giving	56	25,506.70	21,100.39
Definitely Behind in Giving	51	21,051.00	7,326.97
Anonymous	1	780.00	???
	<u>185</u>	<u>77,733.55</u>	<u>55,601.51</u>
Giving But No Pledge	3		520.00
New 1978 Pledges	4	730.60	172.65
	<u>192</u>	<u>78,464.15</u>	<u>56,294.16</u>

As we came to the end of June 30, we had a receipt total of \$64,385.39 against our original pledge total of \$77,240.05 which means we have \$12,854.66 to go.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED

So that all will know the details of the money expended to date the following report is given:

EXPENDITURES TO DATE: - 1975 - June 30, 1978

Parking Lot Repair & Reseal & Exterior Painting - 1975	\$10,741.00
Educational Room Improvements - 1976	
Remodeling Third Floor	\$19,976.00
Remodeling & Improving First Floor	4,244.00
Soundproofing Folding Doors	<u>11,799.00</u>
	\$36,019.00
Air Conditioning of Nave, Chapel, & Fel. Hall - 1976	9,051.00
Office Equipment: Typewriter - 1976	646.00

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Offset & Copier	2,770.00	
Addressograph & Graphotype	<u>1,758.67</u>	
		5,174.67
Building Fund Campaign & Counsel - 1975		605.00
Camp Barbee Service Building - 1976		2,000.00
Inman Center Property Purchase for Spanish Speaking		
Community Center in San Antonio, Texas		1,159.89
Interest on Loan from Memorial Funds which has now been completely repaid - 1976-78		<u>2,339.50</u>
		\$67,090.06
Paid by Bldg. & Equip. Fund of Memorial Funds		<u>6,642.53</u>
PAID BY BUILDING FUND GIVING		\$60,447.53

CHALLENGE AHEAD

The full \$77,240 is definitely needed to complete our Capital Outreach Projects of new roads and entry way for our Indian Lake Retreat Center of the Christian Church in Indiana. We need \$12,000 for this project and the balance of more than \$1,500 will start toward new storm windows on our church building.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:15 & 10:45 Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

FRIDAY, JULY 14

6:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 P.M. Camp Out Chain of Lakes

CALLING C.Y.F. YOUTH:

The C.Y.F. will have a camp out at Warren Dunes State Park in Michigan on Lake Michigan. The group leaves at 1:45 P.M. on Sunday, July 16 and will return by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 18th. Contact Judy Church or Dr. Cline if you will be attending.

PANTRY NEEDS:

SPAM, CANNED FRUIT, POWDER

MILK, P-NUT BUTTER

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JULY 9-15, 1978

Lee Baugher	Donald Johnson
Tom Burkett	William Love
Larry Busse	Paula Meadows
Harold Childers	Eunice Parker
Dianna Duly	Blanche Valentin
Carol Dunham	Mildred Sarrazin
Gerald Elser, Jr.	Marie Redmon
Jo Ellen Hendrickson	Carl Schwartz

LAST CALL CHI RHO YOUTH:

The Chi Rho leaves at 4:00 A.M. on Friday, July 14 for St. Louis and returns by 8:00 P.M. on Sunday the 16th. 10 youth and 3 adults are currently signed up for the trip. Contact Mrs. Bixenman if interested in going if you are not one of the 10.

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR JULY: Marjorie Hill & Ruth Harner

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
1:00 P.M. Gospel Seekers at
Clines
5:00 P.M. CYF Swim & Meeting at
Clines

MONDAY, JULY 17

7:30 P.M. HELPER

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY-SATURDAY JULY 20-22

Regional Men's Retreat at
Indiana Central

PANTRY NEEDS: JELLO, TUNA,
CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS

CHURCH CAMP OUT CANCELLED

The Camp Out at Chain-of-Lakes State Park this weekend has been cancelled for lack of participation. Plan now towards August 25-27 at Barbee Camp. Church-Wide Planning Day at Barbee on Saturday, August 26 - Spend the weekend or come for the day!

WORSHIP SUNDAY - 8:15 OR
10:45 A.M.

"HOW DO WE TREAT FELLOW MEMBERS" is the title of the sermon this Sunday by Dr. Cline. Study different approaches by reading Matthew 13:24-43, Luke 15:3-7; John 15:1-11. Special Music - Ensemble: Janet Welcker, vocal; Barbara Busse, flute; Sara Davis, piano; Jerry Zimmerman, organ. Let Worship set the stage for a seven story week.

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+ CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC COMING! +

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+ SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1978 +

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+ POTLUCK MEAL - Bring drinks, +

+ table service, food at +

+ 1:00 P.M. +

+ +

+ McMILLAN PARK between Oxford +

+ & McKinnie west of Hessen +

+ Castle +

+ +

+ DAY OF FUN - FELLOWSHIP - PLAY +

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SERVING JULY 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-
SE, A. Lee, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. R. Orr & M. Finkhousen-
SW, M. Crouse & K. Taylor-SE, B.
Mettler, R. Krull, G. Davis, E.
Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell - Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, S. Thompson,
C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 557 Mrs. Lillie Whitby

DEACONS & DEACONESSSES:

The new procedure demands prompt-
ness-8:10 A.M. or 10:45 A.M. at
the latest plus regularity--if you
will not be present when assigned,
please secure a trade or substitute
and notify office of change by 9:00
A.M. on Friday. REMEMBER DEACONS
AND DEACONESSSES MEET IN CHURCH OF-
FICE at 8:05-10 A.M. and 10:35-40
A.M. each Sunday!

OPEN INVITATION TO WEDDING.....

The congregation is invited to
share in the exchange of wedding
vows between Susie May, daughter
of William and Anna Taylor, and
Thomas Mohr, on Saturday, July
15, at 7:30 in the worship nave.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. HELEN FOLTZ, 214 W. Pettit,
07, 456-3664, identified with us
in a renewal of membership and
transfer from Calvary Reformed Ch-
urch (UCC) of Crestline, Ohio.
Her only son, Thomas, and family
are active members of Faith Luth-
eran Church. We welcome Mrs.
Foltz into our fellowship and bond
in Christ!

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Friends,

you for the cards, calls,
and prayers during my recent
trips to the hospital. I would
like to thank Dr. Cline and Miriam
for their prayers, calls and words
of encouragement during this time.

It helps to know others care.

I would also like to thank the
congregation for all kindness
shown me during the time I worked
at the church. Sorry I had to
give my job up.

God Bless All of You,
"Howery

My children and I wish to say
"thank you" to all of our friends
of the Fort Wayne Christian Church
for the many cards of sympathy,
their prayers and memorial for
Kenneth. Especially thanks to Dr.
Cline for getting word of his dea-
th around so quickly. Fort Wayne
Christian Church was our home for
several years and we were so happy
to be a part of it. Your love and
concern will be a constant source
of strength to us.

Sincerely,
Ruby M. Edwards

INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

Our Board of Elders and Board of Trustees have both voted overwhelmingly not just approval, but personal involvement in one of two INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS Series being offered this coming fall and winter. This is a church-wide growing opportunity which, after this first year, is anticipated as the natural class for INQUIRERS for church membership. Yet, it is felt that leaders and present members should not be bypassed and newcomers have a deeper learning opportunity than present members.

The basic questions to be addressed in depth through the 27 hours of class time plus outside preparation will be:

1. What does it mean to be a Christian?
2. What does it mean to be a Christian as a Disciple of Christ, and in particular as a member of First Christian Church in Fort Wayne?

Our goal is to involve from 100 to 150 persons in each series of the class including our elders, deacons, deaconesses, present members, and inquirers for membership in our congregation. No other church programming will be calendared during these sessions by our congregation. Child Care will be provided so that this will not be a hindrance for those with young children. It is anticipated that this will deepen the commitment level within the congregation.

These series are being adapted from College Hill Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati from their HELPMATE program, that is, How To Equip Lay People for Mission and Total Evangelism. The program was designed by Ron Rand. Total Evangelism refers to a wholeness of Christianity including:

1. Basic Message of God's Acts in Christ
2. Teaching of Christian faith, community, and mission
3. Fellowship - relationships in the bond of Christ
4. Servanthood - serving Christ in every context of life
5. Equipping every person for his expression of ministry
6. Sending out one another with commission and care for others
7. Worship as the central point of these phases and of Christian life

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT OF FALL AND WINTER SEASONS -- PLAN NOW TO LEA

PRINCIPLES OF INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

1. Inquiry is a basic thrust because there is no automatic and specified final product.
2. Friends of the congregation who participate are free to decide "yes" or "no" to becoming a part of the church fellowship, thus participation is not an automatic step before joining.
3. Members of the congregation are to find the growing edges and depth opportunities not offered in prior classes of the church.
4. Expectations will be made of participants throughout the course. These will maximize the learning experience.
5. Upon the conclusion of the series, there is a desire for all participants to have the availability of small group fellowship to help minister to various personal needs of each individual.
6. Regardless of final decisions, the desire of the church is to help each participant discover his or her place in ministry or service both to and through this particular congregation as well as a place of ministry or service to the work of Jesus Christ in the world.

OUTLINE OF THE CLASS (All Times - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Sundays)

ORIENTATION SESSION - August 20 or January 7

Introduction of course - Presentation of Study Packet and materials expected to be completed by first session - Picture taking and fellowship - Worship and setting sail

SESSION ONE - September 17 or February 4

*"Becoming Committed to Christ - Good News of God's Action"
Opening - Small Group Acquaintance - Instruction - Assignment*

SESSION TWO - September 24 or February 11

*"Becoming Committed to Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Prayer, and Fellowship"
Opening - Groups - Instruction on Growth, Bible Study, Prayer, Assignments*

SESSION THREE - October 1 or February 18

"Becoming Committed to Jesus Christ through Worship and Disciplines"

EN FOR ALL AGES -- MEMBERS AND FRIENDS -- ELDERS -- TEACHERS -- YOUTH --

SESSION FOUR - October 8 or February 25

"Becoming Committed to the Body of Christ through becoming a Disciple of Christ" - History, Government, Sacraments, place within wholeness of church

SESSION FIVE - October 15 or March 4

"Becoming Committed to the Body of Christ through becoming Ministry-Minded" - Learning various ministries and kinds of involvement

SESSION SIX - October 22 or March 11

"Becoming Committed to the Body of Christ through Discovering Christ's Call Upon My Life"

SESSION SEVEN - October 29 or March 18

"Becoming Committed to the Work of Christ in the World Through Discovering Areas of My Ministry"

SESSION EIGHT - November 5 or March 25

"Becoming Committed to the Work of Christ in the World Through Becoming Mission Minded" - Guest Persons

SESSION NINE - November 12 or April 1

"Becoming Committed to the Work of Christ in the World Through Becoming Mission Minded Financially"

SATURDAY WORKSHOP - 9:00 to 3:00 - November 4 or March 31

"Equipping Every Person to Become a Witness for Jesus Christ in every life context"

SESSION TEN - November 19 or April 8

Summary - Evaluation - Sharing - Celebration

----DETACH TO REGISTER---MAIL---BRING TO OFFICE---PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE---

NAME _____ PHONE _____

_____ FALL SERIES (Aug. 20; Sept. 17 thru Nov. 19; Sat., Nov. 4)

_____ WINTER SERIES (Jan. 7; Feb. 4 thru Apr. 8; Sat., Mar. 31)

_____ Check if Child Care is needed

DEACONS AND DEACONESSES -- PROGRAM FOR BASICS AND RENEWAL OF

Dear Members and Friends of First Christian:

Your prayerful and hopefully positive response is desired for this special one year offering of two classes. You are asked to prioritize calendar and scheduling to participate in virtually every session of the FALL or WINTER Series. All our church program will revolve around this effort to dig at deep basics of our Christian faith and witness.

As was mentioned earlier, both the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees voted not mere approval of the program but a commitment of their own personal involvement. I trust that this is a beginning point that will encourage each and every member and friend of the church to consider and respond to this opportunity. The possible benefits will be present for each participant and could herald a new day in the life of First Christian Church.

The first step is to consider carefully the dates and complications. Would you be more free for the Fall Series - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Sunday, August 20, than September 17 weekly through November 19, plus Saturday, November 4? Or would you be more available on the first Sunday of 1979 and than for the 10 Sunday evenings, February 4 through April 8, plus Saturday, March 31? Sign up for the one with least complications! Cassettes can be used for make-up in emergencies.

Then come to the Orientation Session of your Series with an openness to learn, to relate, to grow in Christ and in His Church. You will be challenged to experiment, to try new expressions of Christian witness and involvement, and to find the fullest possible dimensions of Christian impulse and expression.

Finally, give the total experience your all. Throughout the Series will be expectations for your growth as well as the class periods. Let the total experience make its impact. Evaluation will be made at each session with a final one for the church.

This is not merely for adults--We are inviting older children and our youth to participate. The crucial issue right now is to enroll--only you can do that!

With much anticipation!
Harold E. Cline

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

The Board meets next Tuesday, July 18, at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. Important business items include recommendations on Storm Windows, Wedding Policy, Pictorial Directory, Music Leadership, Lay Personnel election, and Planning Day.

Our new Board consists of OFFICERS: Andrew Cook, Mildred Hartman, Ramona Ketner, Ronald Flickinger, George Davis; CHAIRPERSONS: Ralph Church, Rose Jenkins, George Bruckman, Steve Harter, Andrea Benny, Barbara Short, Earl Plummer, Armella Newman, Mark Akers, Delores Keebortz; REPRESENTATIVES: Bert Leversee, Jack Heicker, Robert Johnson, Janet Weicker, Sue Allen, Eunice Conrad, Peg Buskirk, Carol Cline, Sam Hayes, Robert Orr, Carl Schwartz, Bob Pauley, Mary Lou Hartzler, Pauline Horn, Ruth Plummer, Mel Busse and STAFF: Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline. All Board meetings are open meetings in which members and friends are free to add to discussion.

GOSPEL SEEKERS PICNIC AND SWIM

Meal at 1:00 P.M. - Bring salad, vegetable, or dessert. This is for all class participants and families. Enjoy swimming and lawn games - at Clines, 5705 Fernwood.

CYF TRIP CANCELLED

The CYF trip to Michigan was cancelled because too many were involved with work and were not free to go.

The CYF will have a swim at 5:00 P.M. next Sunday at the Clines. Come for a swim at 5:00 with a meeting for all at 7:00 P.M. All youth of grades 9-12 are invited!

FAVORITE HYMNS OF

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1. Every Morning Is Easter Morning
2. How Great Thou Art
3. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
4. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
5. Living for Jesus
6. Rock of Ages
7. Blessed Assurance
8. In the Garden
9. Onward Christian Soldiers
10. Amazing Grace
11. Faith of Our Fathers
12. He Leadeth Me
13. Just A Closer Walk With Thee
14. Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
15. Sweet Hour of Prayer
16. The Old Rugged Cross
17. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
18. God of Our Fathers
19. Great Is Thy Faithfulness
20. Have Thine Own Way
21. Holy, Holy, Holy
22. Just As I Am
23. Nearer My God to Thee
24. This Is My Father's World
25. Abide With Me

CHI RHO YEAR END TRIP

Our Chi Rho Youth will be going on a year-end trip this weekend, July 14-16. They will be going to St. Louis, and will be visiting the Gateway Arch, Six Flags Over Mid America, and the St. Louis Christian Home, and will be worshipping at Memorial Blvd. Christian Church on Sunday morning. The group will be leaving our parking lot at 4:00 A.M. on Friday, July 14, and returning by 8:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, July 16. Adults accompanying the 11 youth going will be Bruce Lehman, Nancy Wortley, Sylvia Smith, and Miriam Bixenman. Youth planning to go include: John Doehrman, Tim Briggs, Tony and Tim Evans, Eric Jenkins, Laura Sauerwein, Terri Smith, Sherri Melchi, Wade Smith, John Wortley, and Tony York.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JULY 16-22, 1978

Alan Blanton
Nellie Buchanan
Rex Alan Clifton
Jo Flickinger
Diane Freimuth
Clarance Hendrickson
Woodie Klepfer
Suzette (Hunt) Lowenstein
James Leshner
Pauline Meadows
Benjamin McCarel
Frank Moody
Richard Penny
Gwynth Rice
Forrest Smith
Ruth Stone
MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY
PRAYER DURING JULY: Marjorie Hill and Ruth Harner

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Vacation School is now past history, but we are delighted with the response for this educational venture. We averaged 68 the first week and 72 the second for a total average of 70.

Enrollments were as follows:

	PUPILS	LEADER
2-3 Year Old Nursery	23	3
4-5 Year Old Kindergarten	20	2
1st & 2nd Grade	18	4
3rd & 4th Grade	21	3
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	82	14

We wish to express appreciation to the adults who served as teachers and helpers in our school. These included: Peg Buskirk, Joan Ott, and Sherri Crawford in the Nursery; Nila Schilling and Leesa Jump in the Kindergarten; Sharon Pauley, Mai Pauley, Betty Grimm and Bruce Grimm in 1st & 2nd Grade and Karen Flickinger, Armella Newman, and Jim Taylor in the 3rd & 4th Grades; Val Taylor and Miriam Bixenman were administrators and Sara Davis was in charge of music.

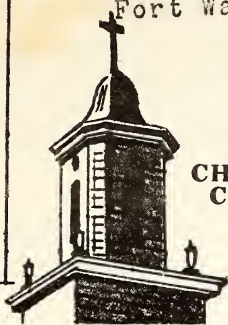
DMA TRIP TO GLASS FACTORY

Forty are signed up for Thursday July 27, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the bus trip to Dunkirk. Call office NOW for one of the final six reservations!

CHOIR SUNDAY TAPES AVAILABLE.

\$2.00 APIECE! CALL CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

MONDAY, JULY 23

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School

TUESDAY, JULY 24

9:30 P.M. HELPER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

9:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00 A.M. DMA bus leaves for
Dunkirk

COUNTRY NEEDS: JELLO, PUDDING,
CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS, TUNA

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC - JULY 30

Join in a Sunday Dinner to-
gether at Macmillan Park at
1:00 P.M.

Relax and enjoy together as
a Christian community in
various activities of the
park including swimming.

Bring table service, drinks,
and food for pot-luck din-
ner and also lawn games and
folding chairs.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Our Children's Sermonette this Sun-
day is based on the beloved song by
many, *"All things bright and beauti-
ful,*

*All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful;
The Lord God made them all."*

Express love, thanks, praise during
our worships at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.
Join in a Study Class during Church
School at 9:30 A.M.

If out of the community, worship
where you will be and bring back a
bulletin! If in the community, come
and bring guests and visitors.

BARBEE WEEKEND - AUGUST 25-27

Campers are urged to camp from Fri-
day through Sunday--House and Cabins
are available for those without
tents or trailers.

All are invited for all day Satur-
day -- OUR ALL CHURCH PLANNING AND
FELLOWSHIP DAY. Dr. John Trefsgar
of First Christian Church, South
Bend, will lead worship and speak in
afternoon and at evening campfire.

ENJOY AS MUCH OF THIS WEEKEND AS
POSSIBLE IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!

SERVING JULY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, C.
Church-NW, D. Allen, D. Church
10:45 A.M. S. Schell & C. Cline-
SW, G. Falbe & C. Schwartz-SE, B.
Hendricks, W. Bowen, L. York, M.
Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Joe Wiley - Gary Falbe
Mildred Hartman - Mel Busse
Bert Leversee - Sam Hayes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Russ & Nancy Wortley, Bob & Lor-
etta Orr

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling
10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, B. Stucky,
L. Sauerwein, T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH 557 Mrs. Lillie Whitby
VETERANS 3W Mr. Charles Fuchshuber
LUTHERSN 471 Mr. Charles Harshbarger

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Steve & Rhonda Bruckman, a son,
Jon Robert on 7/14/78. Pateranl
grandparents are George & Virginia
Bruckman.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Thomas William Mohr and Suzanne
Irene May on 7/15/78. They are res-
iding at 4117 Woodhill Dr. 04, 432-
7245.

INDIANA MEN'S GATHERING

Dean Widler and Harold Cline
are our two participants in the
rich program for men this Thurs-
day through Saturday at Indiana
Central College in Indianapolis.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Our present and coming parti-
cipants in the Indiana Christian
Camp at Barbee include:

Camp 5 & 6 June 26-July 1:

Counselor: Bruce Lehman
Camp 5 & 6 July 17-22

Counselor: Marlene Crouse
Youth: Bob Briggs, Kristin
Byers, Andrew Crose, Ron Flick-
inger, Dawn Ketner
Camp 7 & 8 July 24-29

Youth: Julie Cook & Eric Jen-
kins

Camp 9 & 10 July 30-August 5

Counselor: Connie Wells
Youth: Tim Briggs and Mai Pau-
ley

Camp 11 & 12 August 6-12

Counselor: Harold Cline
Youth: Dan Church & Carol
Cline

CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Reception honoring Bert and Mar-
garet Leversee from 2:00 to 4:00
P.M. on Sunday, July 30, at the
United Methodist Church, 325 W.
Washington in Bluffton.

Given by sister, Jane, and dau-
ughters, Kathryn and Donna. The
invitation is inclusive of all of
us here at the church where Bert
has served so long and faithful-
ly. We congratulate Bert and
Margaret on this milestone and
their joyous stance towards life.

THE CHALLENGES OF GIVING DURING 1978

REGULAR CHURCH GIVING

OUR NEEDED GOAL FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION DURING 1978	\$129,108.00
WHERE WE SHOULD BE AT THE END OF 29 SUNDAYS OF THE 53 (We need \$2436 per week for 53 Sundays)	70,644.00
ACTUAL GIVING FOR THE FIRST 29 SUNDAYS	69,499.14
SHORTAGE IN GIVING TO DATE	1,144.86

We challenge all to give proportionately and regularly as God has prospered us. We can achieve our goal of \$129,108 during 1978!

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BUILDING FUND

We pledged \$77,240 to be given from 1975 through 1978 in our Building Fund. We have 24 Sundays remaining in this year and we now have received \$65,346.39. Thus we need \$11,893.61 in this special giving to complete our committed goal. We have paid for many of the building improvements and saved interest by holding our Capital Outreach project until now. We are committed to give \$12,000 for this project. Any overage of funds will go for the Storm Window Project which heads our needs list at the present.

INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASSES

Registration time is NOW for youth and adults to sign up for either the fall series or spring series of this important class. Full details were printed last week concerning this new and special program for this fall and winter/spring.

Experimenting, expectations of preparations, learning through relationship, deepened Christian commitment and life--all are anticipated in this special series. All regular classes from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Sundays.

-----SIGN--MAIL--BRING TO OFFICE--PUT IN OFFERING PLATE-----

NAME _____ PHONE _____

_____ Fall Series (Aug. 20; Sept. 17 thru Nov. 19; Sat., Nov. 4)

_____ Winter/Spring Series (Jan. 7; Feb. 4 thru April 8; Sat. Mar. 31)

_____ CHILD CARE (Check if needed)

DMA TRIP TO GLASS FESTIVAL

Our DMA chartered bus will leave at 9:00 A.M. and return at 4:00 P. M. on Thursday, July 27. We will tour two glass factories and share in the opportunities of the Glass Festival in Dunkirk, Indiana. The bus cost is \$4 per person.

We now have 45 of our 46 for the bus. Contact the office to fill the bus or to be on a stand-by list in case of necessary last minute cancellation.

Signed to go are: Thelma Adams, Bernice Baxter, Mamie Caldwell, Clara Cleint, Harold Cline, Irene Cline, Mary Cook, Hazel Crouse, Fran Eckert, Vera Ferguson, Helen Foltz, Hortense Futterer & guest, Bee Hand, Evelyn Hinton, Gladys Hoop, Laverne Hunt & guest, Thelma Jackson, Leon & Ruby Johns, Irene Kissinger, Vivian Konow, Dave & Ellyn Kreischer, Bert & Margaret Leversee, Carl & Mildred Linn, Laura Marks, Bessie Martz, Marie McCormick, Gus Mueller, Delores Overmyer, Florence Palmer, Ken & Elinor Place, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Evelyn Schugg, Arza Smith, Ina Smith Becky Stucky & guest.

WORKSHOP - DISCIPLE MUSICIANS

Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman are participating in the annual Workshop of the Association of Disciple Musicians which is being held at Hiram College in north-eastern Ohio from Friday through next Tuesday.

ATTENTION DEACONS

Our new procedure calls for your presence on Sundays assigned for communion in the church office at 8:05 and no later than 8:10 or 10:35 or no later than 10:45 A.M. Made a trade and call the office by Friday if schedule demands it. We are counting on each one.

Yes, emergencies happen--one on the way last Sunday at 8:00 was involved in an accident and was late--this is understandable. At 10:45--FOUR of eight were missing --this hurts and needs correction!

We believe persons need to be responsible for duties assumed in church life.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JULY 23-29, 1978

Walter Bowen	Sally McMahon
Marilyn Byers	John Merrill, Jr.
Harold Cline	Diane Miller
Cindy Ebetino	Alice Nulf
Elizabeth Flesher	Thomas Penny
James Heavin	Deanna Roseberry
Judy Markley	Rychie Smell
Sherri Melchi	Edith Varner

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER IN JULY:

Marjorie Hill & Ruth Harner

KEEP EYES PEELED FOR CHALICE

The Memorial Chalice on our Communion Table was stolen on the night of July 7-8. Three windows were broken. On the night of July 11-12, two more windows were broken but entry was not gained because of windows wedged tight.

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT McMILLAN PARK THIS SUNDAY!

DINNER AT MAIN PAVILION AT 1:00 P.M.

- * Bring table service, drinks, covered dishes for potluck
- * Relate to new and different persons than normal groups
- * Whole Pavilion for day - so rain or shine!
- * Recreational and fellowship opportunities - golf, swimming, tennis in park
- * Bring jarts, softball gloves and bats, and other lawn games
- * Bring lawn chairs if you desire to sit and talk

This is for every member and friend - come and enjoy as much of the day as you desire in the out-of-doors. McMillan Park is bounded by Hessen Cassel on the east, Oxford on the north, and McKinnie on the south.

CONGREGATION DECISIONS DURING WORSHIP HOURS SUNDAY:

Competitive election of Voting Representatives to Regional Assembly at Bloomington on October 20-22. FOUR TO BE ELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING: Andy Cook, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Carl & Beth Schwartz, Ben & Val Taylor, Jack & Janet Weicker, Dean & Elsie Widler. ONE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING: Dan Church and Clint Crowe. ALREADY VOTING BECAUSE OF OTHER REASONS: Melanie Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, Carol Cline, Harold Cline, Barbara Short

MOTION TO INSTALL STORM WINDOWS and encourage special giving and borrowing to enable work now (See full motion on page 3)

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD ACTION regarding Barbara Short as Education Chairwoman and Bert Leversee as Elder Representative.

SERVING JULY 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
George Bruckman
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, S. Thompson-NW, S. Rayl, M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. D. Wortley & P. Mullen-SW, J. Young & M. Byers-NW, D. Short, R. Baugher, S. Hayes, B. Mettler

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer and Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt
10:45 A.M. B. Schwartz, L. Wiley, K. Shipley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN

M119 - Mr. Wayne Phillips
350 - Mrs. Barb Johnson & daughter

ST. JOSEPH: 421 Mrs. Deann Halbrook
709 Mrs. Ethel Allen

PARKVIEW: Mrs. Debbie Rinker & son
CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

To Dick and Barb Johnson, a daughter, Marcella Joy, on 7/20/78. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Bev Hendricks.

To Dave and Debbie Rinker, a son, David Jerome, on 7/22/78. Maternal grandparents are Ken and Elinor Place.

DEATH OF LONG TIME MEMBER

Mrs. Lillie Whitby on July 22, 1978. She had been president of the Women and an active leader many years ago.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JULY 30 - AUGUST 5, 1978

Vivian Atwood David Moody
George Bruckman Diane Morris
George Davis Roger Parkerson
Rosalie Hall Robert Rayl
Gertrude Heavin Eva Rousseau
Clarence Hetrick Brenda Shipley
Leatha Jones Ken Taylor
Thomas Meadows Ruth Yost
MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY
PRAYER: George & Joyce Wiley

at Collegio International, Casilla De Correo 241, Asuncion, Paraguay. This couple became teachers there in 1959 and he has been director since 1965. In the last report, it had 1,328 students and 94% completed their full term. Both are native Texans and are the parents of four children.

CUSTODIAN RESIGNS

John Peterson terminated his employment by our church on July 22, 1978.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION

My thanks to the congregation for their prayers and cards during my recent hospital stay. Also, my thanks to Dr. Cline and other members for their visits.

Thank you,
Ron Shipley

LEVERSEE RECEPTION THIS SUNDAY

The reception honoring the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Bert and Margaret Leversee will be this Sunday, July 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Methodist Church in Bluffton.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 18, 1978

In an action referred back at the previous meeting, the Board approved the altered "Wedding Policies" for the church upon recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee. From the same committee also was a recommendation for changes in musical staffing bases which was in part a direction approved for the replacement of Mel Busse. It makes the Assistant Organist and Assistant Director contractual when needed and is combining Youth and Children's Choir directorship.

The Board elected Bert Leversee and William Love as members of the Lay Personnel Committee for two year terms. The other nominees were Linda Wiley and Russ Wortley. Barbara Short was approved for a two year term as Chairwoman of the Education Committee and Bert Leversee for her term as an elder representative on the Board.

The Board approved a recommendation of the Property Committee to install Storm Windows and to borrow the money from Memorial Funds at 8% interest. The full text of the motion is as follows:

The Property Committee recommends the immediate contracting of the installation of Storm Windows in order to conserve energy in winter and summer and thus expense, and in order to make it more difficult for break-ins by another locked windows at each opening and in order to lessen maintenance costs. We recommend the bid of the Du Hadway Company of \$13,799.19 for 153 Rusco 73 RC White Deluxe Steel Combination Windows per standard specification attached. Screens are included for all windows except on fixed windows.

FINANCING: *It is recommended that we borrow all needed funds at time of payment from our Memorial Funds @ 8% interest. The following sources would be used to gain money to lessen borrowing or to make repayment within 1978: 1. Any special designated gifts for Storm Windows; 2. Any undesignated money available in the Building and Equipment Fund of Memorial Funds; 3. Any surplus beyond the \$12,000 for Capital Outreach in the completion of the Building Fund goal of \$77,240. (This added project might encourage some special gifts and insure going over this goal.) 4. Any Budget surplus in either Full Time Custodial - #16 or the Property section of the Budget as of the end of 1978. Beyond 1978 the balance owed on the windows would be amortized from Budget giving in savings on utilities and upkeep.*

The Board approved a contract with Pettigrew Roofing for a new installation on some of our flat roofing. Emergency repairs were made two years ago. The contract of \$2,330 will overrun our Building Maintenance -No. 51 of the Budget but was considered necessary to maintain our facility.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

1:00 P.M. All-Church Picnic

MONDAY, JULY 31

7:30 P.M. HELPER-TEAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

5:30 P.M. CYF Tennis Tournament

PANTRY NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO, PUDDING,

TUNA, MACARONI DINNERS, CANNED

FRUIT

CALLING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CYF will be as a group at the Church Wide Picnic this Sunday.

On Thursday, August 3, the CYF will meet at the Ralph Church residence, 5126 Werling at 5:30 P.M. to have a tennis double tournament at Harding High School courts.

On Sunday, August 6, the group will meet at the home of Anne Lee, 4220 Kekionga Blvd., to go and play miniature golf.

The incoming ninth graders are invited to join the group at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 13, at the Clines for a Swim Party!

The CYF including new freshmen are going to Cedar Point on Thursday, August 17. Each will need \$5 for entrance plus meal and incidental expense money. Sign up for this trip now by calling the Ralph Church residence or the church office, either 447-5691 or 744-3239.

NOW IS SIGN UP TIME!

1. For the INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS - either Fall or Winter Series.

2. For the All-Church Planning Day at Barbee on Saturday, August 26 or for the full week-end campout - Friday the 25th through Sunday the 27th.

3. For the Educare Event on September 15 and 16 which we are hosting for this part of Indiana.

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE NOW

744-3239

WE CELEBRATE GIVING TO OTHERS!

In the first seven months of 1978 we have exceeded budget sharing with Christian Church Outreach for General and Regional work, overseas and homeland ministries, benevolent homes, and educational institutions. We have now given \$9,800 during 1978 against a total of \$9,500 for the entire year of 1977.

WILLIAM PENN ON DISCIPLINE OF TIME

"There is nothing of which we are apt to be so lavish as of time, and about which we ought to be more solicitous; since without it we can do nothing in this world. Time is what we want most, but what, alas! we use worst; and for which God will certainly most strickly reckon with us, when time shall be no more."

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AUGUST SERMONS FOR MORNING WORSHIPS

The New Testament book of James will be the textual source for preaching through August. Read and reread this book of moral exhortations. This is practical material on what a Christian does about his faith; suitable for Christians of anywhere or anytime. Many quotable maxims come from this Scripture. The sermon of last Sunday introduced the series on "faith apart from works is dead." (2:26)

CHURCH WIDE PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP DAY

Saturday, August 26 is coming quickly--this our congregational day at Barbee Christian Camp. All committees will meet. The Board will hold a regular session at 3:30. Every member of the congregation is invited to put input into our goals and dreams for the coming year and years. Dr. John Trefsgar of First Christian, South Bend will speak and lead worship in early afternoon and at an evening campfire. We will take sack lunches at noon and share a potluck meal at 5:30 in the evening. Sign up for this event on Sunday or call the church office. A number of our people will camp from Friday through Sunday at Barbee--camping newcomers can make this a starting point because of available facilities there. Those planning to camp should contact Miriam Bixenman.

INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

Our Fall or Winter series of INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASSES are designed to be a central special focus for the life of our congregation. All Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, members, and friends are urged to sign for this new experience of experimenting and studying and growing in our commitment to Christ, to His church, and in satisfying and realistic fulfillment of his work in the world.

Presently enrolled are: FALL SERIES: Jack & Janet Weicker, Bert Leversee, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Eunice Conrad, Jim & Leesa Jump, Margaret Love, Dean & Elsie Widler, Rose Jenkins, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Miriam Bixenman, Steve & Tana Harter.

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SERVING AUGUST 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW, A. Lee-SW,
P. Yentes, C. Church

10:45 A.M. S. Allen & A. Benny-SW,
J. Jump & R. Krull-NW, R. Orr, M.
Finkhousen, M. Crouse, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Judy Church - George Davis

Charles Ludwig - Cory Church

Robert Johnson - Walter Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer & Carol Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, C. Falbe,
D. Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 769 Mrs. Barbara Hayes
592 Mr. Bruce Stone

M119 Mr. Wayne Phillips

ST. JOSEPH: 709 Mrs. Ethel Allen

V.A. HOSPITAL-FW

3-West Mr. Charles Fuchshuber

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Bill and Diane Howard, a daughter, Kristie Marie, on 7/25/78.
This family's new address is: 7418
Rose Ann Parkway, 04.

*Call Helen Williams)
Coffee Hour*

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MR. and MRS. GARY WADE, 2554
Stardale, 16, identified with
our congregation from First Christian Church in Gas City. Gary is employed in Stoner's Magic Shop and conducts magic shows. Dianna is employed at the Mental Health Center. Both have been deeply involved in the Indiana Youth Backpacks in the Smokie Mountains. They were married in February of this year. We welcome this couple among us here!

JULY AVERAGES:

Church Worship	245
Church School	107
Through-The-Week	49
Budget Giving	\$2,664.92
Building Fund	303.96

NEW MEMBERS DURING JULY:

Helen Foltz

Gary & Dianna Wade

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Association of Disciple Musicians Workshop. We both found it an up-listing experience and we are looking forward to an exciting year of praising God through music.

Sara Davis & Jerry Zimmerman

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Doris Sauerwein and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Richard Fickle, a very active leader in Central Christian of Huntington.

CONGREGATIONAL DECISIONS ON JULY 30

By unanimous vote, the recommendation of William Crouse as Elder Emeritus was approved. Bill had served as a deacon from 1939-49, as a Trustee from 1956-74, and as an elder from 1952-74. We rejoice in his new designation that all our present members may know and recognize this one who served faithfully and in many leadership posts.

Voice vote approval was given to confirm earlier Board action that Barbara Short be Education Chairwoman for two years and Bert Leversee be Elder Representative on the Board for a similar period for which she had recently been elected by the congregation.

In the ballot election for Voting Representatives of our congregation to the Regional Assembly in Bloomington on October 20-22, the following were elected: Andrew Cook, Jack & Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger, and Dan Church. Alternates will include Val & Ben Taylor, Ron Flickinger, Dean & Elsie Widler, Clint Crowe, and Carl & Beth Schwartz. We are free to have as many persons to attend the Regional Assembly as desire to go, and participate fully in the program and discussions. The only special work of Voting Representatives is the voting on Resolutions before the Assembly. Lloyd Ogilvie, known to many of our people by illuminating Scriptures through his writings, is the keynote speaker of the Assembly this year.

An overwhelming vote of approval was given to the Board recommendation of the complete installation of Storm Windows on our building in order to conserve energy and its cost, to give greater window protection against breakins, and to lessen maintenance costs of exterior trim. The written ballot count was 138 voting Approval and 3 voting Disapproval.

In order to finance this project, needed funds at time of payment will be borrowed at 8% interest from our permanent Memorial Funds. In order to lessen borrowing and in order to repay the loan, the following sources will be used:

1. Any special designated giving for Storm Windows (*Note: \$125 has been received to date. If 153 families each gave \$91, the total bill would be cared for immediately. Mark "Storm Windows" and list amount on any envelope with your directed gift for this purpose.*)
2. Any undesignated money available in the Building and Equipment Fund of our Memorial Funds.
3. Any surplus beyond the \$12,000 for Capital Outreach in the completion of our Building Fund during 1978 as we move toward our goal of \$77,240.
4. Any Budget surplus in either full time custodial care (No. 16) or the Property Section of the Budget at the end of 1978.
5. The balance owed at the close of 1978 will be amortized in budget giving in 1979 or later from savings on utilities and upkeep.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
6:00 P.M. CYF meet at Anne Lee's
4220 Kekionga to play minature golf
MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:30 P.M. Callers meeting for
Pictorial Directory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Library

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO,
PUDDING, TUNA, MACARONI DINNERS,
CANNED FRUIT

OMMISION LAST WEEK

In the Board actions of July 18, a mistake was made in not listing the approval of the Recommendation of doing a congregational pictorial directory with United Church Directories. The dates for pictures being taken will include August 20, 21, 22, 23 and September 7. We are hoping to include as many family pictures of members and friends as possible. A Directory is available to every family group photographed.

Family pictures may be purchased from proof selections if desired but are not required for the receiving of a directory.

INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS (from page one)

WINTER/SPRING SERIES: Sam & Barb Hayes, Vince & Connie Wells, Monty & Phyllis Tobias, Bob & Loretta Orr, Pat Mullen

Place registration form in Sunday offering plate or mail or bring to church office or call the office at 744-3239!

NAME _____ PHONE _____

____ FALL SERIES (Aug. 20; Sept. 17 thru Nov. 19; Sat., Nove. 4)

____ WINTER/SPRING SERIES (Jan. 7; Feb. 4 thru Apr. 8; Sat., Mar. 31)
____ Need child care

NEW USHER ADDITIONS

The Lay Personnel Committee is seeking for at least 16 persons to help our steady usher necleus. These persons will work one Sunday a month to make a full usher complement for each service.

8:15 WORSHIP	10:45 WORSHIP
George Bruckman	Robert Chevalier
Don Smith	Andrew Cook
	Homer Stevenson

FIRST SUNDAY:
Tim Sauerwein Gene Shirley
Monty Tobias

SECOND SUNDAY:
Ed Allen Bill Kerley
Russ Wortley

THIRD SUNDAY:
Bill DeVinney Doug Rogers
Gary Wade

FOURTH SUNDAY:
Dan Dickey Randy Hunt
Dick Johnson Bruce Grimm
Substitute/10:45 Ron Shipley

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Greg Allen	Terry King
Lois Buchanan	Sandra Meadows
Myron Cole	John Morris
Carolyn Falbe	Robert Neal
Karen Flickinger	Robert Orr
Velma Hechler	John Phillips
Ruby Johns	Dois Sauerwein
Helen Jordon	Shirley Skelton

MISSIONARIES: George & Joyce Wiley

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. CYF Swim Party at
Clines, especially for 9th
Graders

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:30 P.M. HELPER Team

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

CYF to Cedar Point

PANTRY NEEDS

NOODLES, TUNA, MACARONI DINNERS,
CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK, JELLO,
PUDDING, CEREAL

(On Friday afternoon of last week
the Pantry filled one order which
provided 153 meals.)

cost of a window. We rejoice in this response and encourage others to consider sharing in this special project. Those who have participated to date are: Andy Cook, Ralph Reynolds, Homer Stevenson, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Shirley, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier, Margaret Love, George Bruckman, Bert Leversee, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Vincent Wells, Helen Foltz, George Davis, Ethel Birkhold, William Crouse, Carl Linn and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenline, Carrie Smelser.

Others are encouraged to join these. Be sure to mark any special giving, "Storm Windows".

STORM WINDOW PROJECT

On Sunday, July 30, the congregation gave its approval to have storm windows ordered and installed on the windows of the church.

At the same time, approval was given to borrow needed money to finance this project from the Memorial Trust Funds with repayment at 8% interest. However, Andy Cook, Moderator of the Board of Trustees and Congregation issued a challenge to members and friends to make special designated gifts to underwrite this project or at least substantially reduce the need to borrow money.

As of this writing, eighteen persons/couples have answered this challenge and have either pledged the amount of the cost of one window (\$91), paid the cost of one or more windows, or paid toward the

SERVING AUGUST 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, D. Allen-
NW, D. Keebortz, C. Church

10:45 A.M. G. Davis & E. Conrad-
SW, B. Hendricks & W. Bowen-NW, S.
Schell, C. Cline, L. York, M. Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Wortley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks and Anne Lee

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. J. Ott, B. Busse, S.
Shipley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M119 - Mr. Wayne Phillips

592 - Mr. Bruce Stone

ST. JOSEPH:

309 - Mrs. Helen Reynolds

215 - Mrs. Florence Griffith

VA HOSPITAL-FW

3 W - Mr. Charles Fuchshuber

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Connie Wells and family in
the death of her sister in Ohio on
July 29.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Dr. Cline performed the marriage
ceremony for Michael Ruiz and Belin-
da Sue Pollock on August 5, 1978.
They will be residing in Rochester,
New York.

NEW CUSTODIAN

Frederick J. Woodward began work
as our new custodian on a 40 hour
week on Monday, July 31. He will
be on a temporary status through
October 7 so that the Board can
take final hiring action at its
meeting on October 7. Fred is
married, has children ages seven
and four months, has served in the
Navy for 6 years, and has been em-
ployed since 1975 at the Clark
Christian Center in the Philipp-
ines.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRANT:

Gary Wade is participating in
the Indiana Disciple Backpack in
the Smodie Mountains, August 13-
19. We had 12 participants and 3
leaders involved in the Regional
Summer Program.

CALL FOR CHANCEL CHOIR!

Adults are invited to begin re-
hearsals on Thursday, August 31.
The Chancel Choir will sing again
in worship beginning September 10
Plan now for CHOIR this fall! Be
one of 30 voices singing regular-
ly!

THANK YOU!

Dear Harold, Miriam & Members:

Thanks for all your prayers,
cards, flowers, and visits during
my recent hospitalization.
Thanks also to those who helped
with our children.

I sincerely appreciated your
loving care and concern.

Love,
Barb Hayes

FAMILY CAMP OUT AND PLANNING DAY!

The all Church Family Camp Out will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 25, 26, & 27 at Barbee Christian Camp. The grounds are now equipped with electrical hood-ups for camping and has adequate shower and wash room facilities. In addition, cabins and the big house may be used. Cost of camp sites with electricity is \$2.50 per night; without electricity, \$2.00 per night. Cost to stay in the cabins is \$1.00 per night per person and in the big house, \$2.00 per night per person. The camping group will share in all of the activities of the all-church planning day on Saturday, including the noon sack lunch and the evening pitch-in dinner, as well as church wide planning, worship, and camp fire on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning we will sample an intergenerational Bible study. Please contact Mrs. Bixenman in the church office if you plan to go for the week end activities.

CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Incoming ninth graders are invited for a Swim Party this coming Sunday at the Clines at 4:00 P.M. for the CYF. The whole CYF is scheduled to go to Cedar Point for a recreational day on Thursday, August 17.

DMA TRIP TO DUNKIRK

43 participated on Thursday, July 27 in the DMA Trip to the Glass Festival at Dunkirk. Tours were made of Indiana Glass and Kerr Glass, the Glass Museum, and the Outlet Store.

The DMA will meet on August 22 at noon at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood.

APPLICATIONS REQUESTED

As announced several weeks ago, there is a move to combine musical responsibilities. Applications for the new job of Bell Choir and Children's Choir director are asked by August 14. Included in the application should be: Musical Education background, Directing Experience, References, We desire to finalize our musical personnel by August 26th.

SLEEPING ROOMS NEEDED

ITTechnical Institute is needing sleeping rooms for students. If interested call Connie Wilborn, at 484-4107.

CASSETTE TAPE SET LOST

The church office has not been able to locate the Cassette Tape series by Charlie Shedd, LOVE, SEX, and MARRIAGE. If you have borrowed it and failed to return it, we would appreciate having it.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 14-20, 1978

Pat Bennett
Ralph Church
Judith Ferguson
Michael Gardner
Sandra Doty Farrell
Henry Flowers
Tana Harter
Kimberly (Johnson) Borton
Evelyn Kanczuzewski
Bruce Lehman
Ruby Mowery
Ruth Neal
John Olson
Virginia Parker
Robert Petty
Joseph Snouffer

MISSIONARIES FOR PRAYER DURING

AUGUST: George & Joyce Wiley

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS!

Our congregation stands on the threshold of three very important occasions in our current life. May I share some personal words about each of them and ask your prayerful and hopefully positive response.

1. NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - Callers are now at work seeking appointments for family pictures to be taken on August 20, 21, 22, 23 or September 7. We are anxious to have as many members and friends included in our directory as possible. It is a great aid to encourage people to know one another and is particularly helpful to newcomers among us. Will you help others know you by having your picture taken? There is no pressure to buy. A book is available for all included within it.

2. INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS - For weeks we have been talking about this program. Yes, I am serious when I say I would like to have 100 to 150 in each series of the class. That is a major effort to deepen our walk with Christ as Lord. It is hoped that this will usher in a new thrust of membership development. The class is for youth of grades 6 and above as well as adults. There will be no separate Youth Discipleship Class this year. Sign up NOW by calling the church office or mailing or bringing the registration found at the bottom of this page. Orientation for the first series will be from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on a week from Sunday, August 20. So sign up NOW!

3. BARBEE WEEKEND FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN - We have a Planning and Fellowship Day for our whole church family planned for Saturday, August 26, at Camp Barbee. We will provide transportation for any needing it. Dr. John Trefsgen of First Christian, South Bend will give special leadership for the day. Our own leaders will give opportunity for planning and sharing. The Board of Trustees meet there at 3:30 P.M. Campers are welcome for the weekend beginning on Friday and continuing through Sunday (see special article on page three about the Camp Out.)

One word is the key to all three of these efforts--PARTICIPATION--Can we count on you to plan and make the arrangements for each of these three highlights which will give a strong thrust into our fall life together? I want to be with you in each of these experiences!

Harold E. Cline,

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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_____ WINTER/SPRING SERIES

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SPECIAL PROGRAM OF YEAR BEGINS THIS SUNDAY EVENING

An attempt for renewal of members and friends through a special series of classes for learning, studying, experimenting, and relating begins with the Orientation Session for the Fall Series of Classes from 6:00 to 8:00 this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Child Care is provided!

Materials will be presented for reading, reflecting, and writing in preparation for the first session of the series at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 17. Dr. Cline is doing the basic leadership input, but will be assisted from both within and without our congregation.

Frankly, we need to double our enrollment in these short days before the series begins. These classes replace for this year all adult and youth discipleship classes. They are designed for the grades six and above. No other congregational program will be scheduled simultaneously with these classes. Call the Church Office NOW to enroll.

Any who must miss the Orientation Session for the Fall Series will need to contact Dr. Cline to receive materials and instructions for the 28 days of preparation.

Currently enrolled for the Fall Series are: Jack & Janet Weicker, Bert Leversee, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Eunice Conrad, Jim & Leesa Jump, Bill & Margaret Love, Dean & Elsie Widler, Rose Jenkins, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Miriam Bixenman, Steve & Tana Harter, Andy Cook, Gary & Diana Wade, Michael & Shirley Callahan, Ben & Val Taylor, George & Virginia Bruckman, Charlie & Armella Newman, Sharon Pauley, Jack & Pam Bickel, Charlie & Vivian Atwood, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Carol Cline, Tim Briggs, Dan Church, Clint Crowe, Gary York, Marilyn Brown, Steve White, and Debbie Nordblom.

Currently enrolled in the Winter/Spring Series are: Sam & Barb Hayes, Vince & Connie Wells, Monty & Phyllis Tobias, Bob & Loretta Orr, Pat Mulen, Ramona Ketner, Gini & Ennis Brown, Carl & Beth Schwartz, Opal Carper, Ralph & Judy Church, Susie Watson, Mary Lou Hartzler, Ruby Cline & Anita Fitch.

SERVING AUGUST 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Church-SW, S. Rayl-
NW, M. Busse, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. D. Short & R. Baugher-
SW, S. Hayes & B. Mettler-SE, G.
Falbe, C. Schwartz, D. Wortley, J.
Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, R. Ship-
ley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Glenn Miller - Mildred Hutchinson

Janet Weicker - Cory Church

Mark Snyder - Barbara Mettler

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks and Anne Lee

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Judy Church and Pauline Snyder

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, C. Busse,
B. Finkhausen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN M119 Mr. Wayne Phillips

V.A. - Fort Wayne

3 West Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Mike and Pam Akers, a son,
Jeffrey Thomas, born on August 9,
1978.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MAI PAULEY, the daughter of Bob
and Sharon Pauley, 2720 Marcy
Lane, 06, 745-0925, made her con-
fession of allegiance to Christ
on 8/6 and was united with her
Lord in baptism on 8/13. She is
a sophmore in special education
in New Haven High School. She
has been active in Chi Rho and
other youth activities of our ch-
urch. We welcome Mai in this ex-
pressed decision for Christ in
her life.

D.M.A. OUTING AT CLINES

The DMA will have a meal at the
Clines, 5705 Fernwood, next Tues-
day, the 22nd, at 12 noon. Barb-
ecued chicken, drink, rolls, and
table service will be furnished.
Bring a salad, vegetable, or des-
sert for the meal.

Dress informally to be outdoors
in the yard--swimming if you
like! Jarts! Or bring yard
games.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who sent cards,
offered prayers and showed con-
cern during Bill's hospitaliza-
tion.

Bill & Marge Lehman

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Robert and Cecile Chevalier,
who will celebrate their 58th
Wedding Anniversary this Sunday,
August 20. It was verbally an-
nounced a week early last Sunday
morning.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES FOR PICTURES - PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It is hoped that all member and friend families at First Christian Church will take advantage of the family pictures whether the family is one or fifteen. Call Karen Flickinger - 747-6832 or the church office if you do not yet have an appointment or remember exactly when you are coming.

Every unit photographed and proofs chosen will receive a copy of the Pictorial Directory. Do in with others since we have more appointments than in previous pictorial directories.

Family photographs may be ordered when proofs are chosen, but no one need buy. The choice is your own decision. This Sunday, August 20th, will be the taking of Institutional Pictures. We invite all to Church School and Worship for the various pictures of our church in action! We ask for understanding at the intrusion in our schedule this one Sunday.

Pictures will be taken on August 20, 21, 22, 23 and September 7. Special arrangements are possible if families cannot possibly be together on one of these dates.

General Chairwoman and Calling Chairwoman is Karen Flickinger; Layout--Linda Wiley; Publicity--Jim Jump; and Hosting--Margaret Love.

Our Phone Callers include: Cindy Akers, Sue Allen, Virginia Bruckman, Joyce Crowe, Jo Flickinger, Betty Grimm, Linda Johnstone, Pam Bickel, Margaret Love, Ruth Plummer, Genevieve Ripple, Nila Schilling, Brenda Shipley, Sue Skelton, Val Taylor, Phyllis Tobias, Anna Taylor, Sandy Zimmerman, Karen Zimmerman, and Ellyn Kreischer.

Hosting at the time of photographs will be Sunday 1:00-4:00 P.M.: Bill & Margaret Love; 3:30-6:30 Ron & Karen Flickinger. Monday 3:30-6:30 P.M. Jeff Young & Charline Craig; 6:00-9:00 P.M. Gini Brown & Bruce Lehman. Tuesday 3:30-6:30 P.M. Bill & Hazel Crouse; 6:00-9:00 P.M. Hortense & Homer Stevenson; Wednesday, 3:30-6:30 P.M. Mildred Hutchinson & Amelia Dare; 6:00-9:00 P.M. Mark & Pauline Snyder; Thursday (Sept. 7) 3:30-6:30 Laura York and Mary Cook; 6:00-9:00 P.M. Merle & Betty Grimm.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Wanda Benya	Lorea Kuhlman
Barb Busse	Carl Linn
Andrew Cook	Doug Olson
Albert Farrow	Ruth Ogles
Steve Grimm	Gary Parkerson
Bev Hendricks	Sarah (Banet) Patton
Leesa Jump	Wayne Penny
Doris Koehlinger	Karen Zimmerman

MISSIONARIES FOR AUGUST:

George & Joyce Wiley

SERMON FOR AUGUST 20

Read James 1:5-7 and 5:13-18 and ponder the theme, "PRAYER OF FAITH" in preparation for Sunday morning worship, at 8:15 or 10:45. Dr. Cline is preaching on prayer according to the book of James.

STORM WINDOW PROJECT

The momentum of families buying one or more windows at \$91 is catching on. Be sure to mark giving for this project clearly and help us accumulate toward our total payment of \$13,799.19. We have reduced \$1,676 in such special giving to date (as of 8/13).

Donors include: Mr. & Mrs. Bert Leversee, Hazel Millis, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Wells, Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman, Helen Foltz, Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mr. & Mrs. William Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Linn, Mrs. Carrie Smelser, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cline, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Johns, Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Huddleston, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mrs. Iva Imbody, Mr. Wendall Glass, and Mrs. Irene Kissinger.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

6:00 P.M. Orientation - Fall

Series of INQUIRERS CLASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 P.M. HELPER-Team

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

12:00 Noon DMA at Clines

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

AUGUST 25, 26 & 27 ALL-CHURCH

CAMP OUT - BARBEE

SATURDAY - PLANNING DAY - BARBEE

PANTRY NEEDS: BABY FOOD (Junior & Strained Foods) JELLO, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, PUDDING, TUNA

EDUCARE

Our Congregation is hosting one of the Regionally sponsored EDUCARE EVENTS on September 15 and 16 with specially qualified and trained leadership team. These events are planned to deal with practical skills, resource training, and spirit motivation aimed at helping you do your teaching/leading task better and with greater satisfaction. The event will begin with dinner at 6:00 on Friday, September 15 and end at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 16. Lunch on Saturday is included. Cost of registration and meals is \$10.00, of which the church will pay half of any of our members attending.

Workshops are planned in each of the following areas:

DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

Ruth Anna Hoff, leader

TEACHER/LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Mark Woldruff, leader

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES

Miriam Bixenman, leader

MISSION-DOING THE WORD

Gene Bryant, leader

MINISTRY WITH ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

Dena Shepherdson, leader

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Barbara Carey, leader

APPROACHES TO TEACHING THE BIBLE

Paul Channels, leader

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Coletta Eichenberger, leader

EDUCATION FOR WORSHIP

Dave McCracken, leader

EVANGELISM *Steve Kares, leader*

Deadline for registration is

August 31. See Miriam Bixenman to register.

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PLANNING -- FELLOWSHIP -- CAMPING -- WORSHIP

This weekend calls for all our members and friends to visit Camp Barbee (Go west on highway #30 to highway #13, turn north to 400 North in Kosciusko County Road and west about a half mile to the Camp). You are invited for the weekend or for part or all of Saturday.

CAMPING - Sites with electrical outlets and nearly showers and wash rooms are available for tent or trailer campers. The house and cabins are available. Call Miriam Bixenman or the church office if you have questions. In addition to the church wide program, the campers will have a campfire Friday night at 8:30 P.M. and a special Intergenerational Bible Study on Sunday morning.

PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP DAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 A.M. - Singing led by Steve Doles and brief worship.
- 9:15 A.M. - Report from Goals and Brainstorming of last year and from Elder Report of Five Year Goals.
- 9:35 A.M. - Brainstorming Session
- 10:15 A.M. - All persons are invited to meet with the standing committees for planning and projecting into the future.
- 11:45 A.M. - Lunch and Free Time - Bring Sack Lunch - Drink furnished
- 1:15 P.M. - Worship and Message - John Trefsgers, Senior Pastor, First Christian Church, South Bend
- 2:15 P.M. - Committees meet to complete efforts.
- 3:30 P.M. - Board of Trustees meeting, free time, swimming with life guards, canoeing
- 5:30 P.M. - POTLUCK MEAL with drink furnished
- 7:30 P.M. - Campfire Worship - Singing with Steve Doles - Communion and Message led by Dr. John Trefsgers.

CHILD CARE will be provided during all Program Events on Saturday.

SERVING AUGUST 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW,
D. Church-NW, P. Yentes, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. R. Orr & K. Taylor-SW,
M. Finkhousen & M. Crouse-NW, J.

Young, M. Byers, S. Allen, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull - Barbara Mettler

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, P. Bickel,
D. Ketner

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 476 Ralph Keller (surgery
scheduled for 8/22)

PARKVIEW: 415 Mrs. Jolene Dickey
MOVED TO NURSING CENTER:

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber has been
moved from the V.A. Hospital to the
Colonial Crest Convalescent Center,
Room 210, 2940 North Clinton.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Virginia Parker in the death
of her husband, Gene, this past
week.

To William Kerley and family in
the death of his father, Walter
Kerley on 8/16.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, TUNA,
CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, SOUP, JELLO

(Items for the PANTRY may be left
at the church anytime.)

IMPORTANT SUNDAY COMING..... SEPTEMBER 10!

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. - Pro-
motion Sunday for Children and
Youth - Beginning of new Shared
Approaches Curriculum and new
study period - Class Goals for 200
in Church School.

WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. - Kick off
of Fall - Recognition and Instal-
lation of Educational Leadership -
Chancel Choir singing - New Fall
Program for Children in Expanded
Session Groups and Children's
Choir. Goal of 350 in MORNING
WORSHIP!

PLAN TO COME ON SUNDAY - SEPT-
EMBER 10th!

CYF BIKE HIKE

The CYF youth are bicycling to
Camp Barbee starting at 9:00 A.M.
on Saturday and riding back on
Sunday afternoon. They will camp
with the group Saturday night.
Call Dan Church for details.

ELDERS MEETING - The Elders will
meet on Tuesday, August 29, at
7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room.

WEDDING INVITATION...

Our daughter, Debbie Lin, will
be married to Steven Ralph White
on Saturday, the second of Septem-
ber, 1978 at 6:30 P.M. Their vows
will be spoken at the First Chris-
tian Church.

We invite you to worship with us,
witness their vows and be out
guest at the Reception which will
follow at 8:00 at the Lantern.

If you are unable to attend, we
ask your presence in thought and
prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Nordblom

STRONG EFFORT ON PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

We rejoice at the pictures taken of our member and friend families the last few days. Pictures taken along with current appointments for September 7 show a larger number of units that were included in either the 1968 or the 1973 directories. We thank our leaders, callers, workers, and the responsiveness of people in this effort. The added inclusion of people will make this book even more useful to know and relate with persons by name.

We have appointment times still available on September 7. If any failed to be included or even said, "no" we would encourage a picture for inclusion in the book. We need your picture taken and you will be assured a copy of the Directory. You may or may not buy any pictures according to your choice. Call Karen Flickinger, 747-6832, if you need to remake or make a new appointment. Call the Church Office, 744-3239, if you need information or need to recheck the time of your appointment.

In addition to persons listed previously who are leading this effort, thanks also goes to Ronnie Flickinger for placing the Hymnal bands in the Worship Nave and to those providing transportation, namely, Mildred Hutchinson, Arza Smith, Genevieve Ripple, Betty Grimm, Pam Bickel, Judy Church, Sharon Pauley, Fran Eckert, and Nila Schilling. Thanks to all who have cooperated and helped to make this useful tool to aid in acquaintances and relationships in our church constituency!

A word of anticipation comes also in that less pictures will be included on each page which allows for larger pictures and also the names of each person is included, rather than merely naming the family group.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

Pam Akers	Harley Meadows
Richard Burkett	Ruby Pomeroy
Martha Christy	James Sands
Muriel Crouse	Marilyn Snouffer
Florence Hagar	Pat Olson
Sam Hayes	Steven Powell
Beverly Johnston	Pat Wetzel
Kathy Lee	John Williams III

MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING AUGUST:

George & Joyce Wiley

BEHIND, BUT CONFIDENT:

BUDGET GOAL FOR 1978	\$129,108.00
NEED TO DATE	82,824.00
GIVEN TO DATE	80,025.72
SHORTAGE TO DATE	2,798.28

Over \$1,000 of this shortage has happened during August - let's give as God is prospering us!

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES 75-78

	\$77,240
GIVEN TO DATE	66,738
NEEDED BY DEC. 31, '78	10,502

We are moving into the final months.

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are hosting the Regionally sponsored EDUCARE EVENT on September 15 and 16. This is to develop persons in the areas of education, outreach, worship, evangelism, and leadership. Register with Miriam Bixenman or the church office by September 1. We need your name, your choice of workshop, and \$5 for registration which includes the Saturday luncheon served by our women.

THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

DEVELOPING AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION - How to plan an educational ministry in the local church.
TEACHER/LEADER DEVELOPMENT - How to recruit and train teachers/leaders in the local congregation.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES - How does CESA work-discussion of four approaches and how to decide between.
MISSION - DOING THE WORD - How to help congregation be aware of local and global mission situations for mission.
MINISTRY WITH ELEMENTARY CHILDREN - How to help elementary children and teachers grow together.
APPROACHES TO TEACHING THE BIBLE - How to study the Bible - several different approaches.
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - How to minister to young adults in congregation and ecumenical settings.
EDUCATION FOR WORSHIP - How to create new forms of worship to enhance the spirit life of the congregation.
(cont'd bottom of column two)

STORM WINDOW PROJECT

Special gifts have now risen to \$2,172.00 which is 15.7% of the contract price. Additional givers of designated funds include: Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, James & Nellie, Mr. & Mrs. Leland Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hetrick, Pearl Heidecker, Ethel Shroyer, Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Richard, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Stephey, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Truby, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller, Thelma Haxton, Mr. Willis Van Alstine.

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING

In spite of the Planning Day and Camp Out, we will hold regular worship hours at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. and Church School at 9:30 A.M. this Sunday the 27th. The morning sermon by Dr. Cline is "POOR IN WORLD, RICH IN FAITH" based on James 1:9-11, 2:1-13; 5:1-6. Steve Doles will be assisting in both worship hours as worship assistant and leading some songs with his guitar.

CALL TO SUNDAY PARTICIPATION

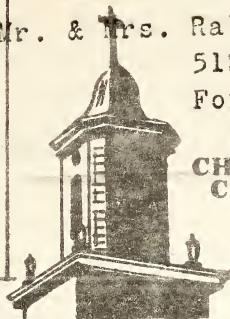
Starting on Kick-Off Sunday, September 10 and continuing through World Communion Sunday, October 1, we are calling all members and friends to Sunday morning participation. We are desirous to have a minimum of 200 a Sunday and 800 for the four weeks in Church School and 350 a Sunday or 1400 for the four weeks in the Worship Hours. Come and bring others for study and worship!

EVANGELISM - How to develop methods to implement evangelism in terms of personal faith and implementing that faith.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 P.M. Nordblom-White Wedding

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 A.M. Esther Group, at the
church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 A.M. Dorcus Group, Dorothy
Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terr.

8:00 P.M. Directory pictures

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 3-9, 1978

Eric Baugher	Klark Kerley
Virginia Bruckman	Ron Kiger
Laurell Cole	Sarah Likens
Rosemary Day	Margo Parlette
Berry Ferguson	Elsie Presnell
Roger Crist	Rolland Ripple
Myrtle Hendrick	Anne Shirley
Clayland Higgins	Richard Overmyer

MISSIONARIES FOR PRAYER DURING

SEPTEMBER: Allan and Joan Eubank
Teaches in Thailand Theological
Seminary.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

Come and bring weekend guest to
Church School and Worship this Sun-
day morning! Final Sermon of ser-
ies from Book of James -- "PURE
RELIGION" -- Study James 1:27, 3:
13-18; 4:13-17; 5:1-6; 19, 20

REGISTER NOW FOR GROWTH FALL SERIES OF INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

55 now enrolled - any without
materials must register and receive
packet no later than September 3 in
order to prepare for first regular
session on September 17.

EDU-CARE EVENT

6:00 Friday, September 15 to
5:00 P.M. Saturday, September 16 -
Register now for one of the 10
Workshop Areas with name and \$5 to
office by Sunday, September 3.

ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM

A Team of 5 lay persons for Fri-
day night and Saturday, September
22 & 23 in New Castle for special
training. Contact Dr. Cline if
interested.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY October 20-22

Join the 22 already signed up to
go. Registration material in off-
ice.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. William Love and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-NW, E. Place-
SW, A. Lee, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. S. Schell & C. Cline-
SW, B. Hendricks & W. Bowen-NW, A.
Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Barbara Mettler

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Margaret Love - Bev Hendricks

Steve Harter - Carl Schwartz

Fred Smell - Diana Wortley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rolland & Genevieve Ripple &

Gwynth Rice

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, B. Schwartz,

B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 415 Mrs. Jolene Dickey

634 Adam Newman

LUTHERAN M221 - Mrs. Sarah Smith

476 Mr. Ralph Keller

THANK YOU!

Bob and Cecile Chevalier wish to
thank those who sent us such beau-
tiful cards for our Anniversary.
Thanks and may God bless all!

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, MACARONI &
CHEESE DINNERS, CANNED FRUIT,
POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, TUNA

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Much appreciation was expres-
sed for the photography used in
the family pictures taken last
week. We invite members and
friends to call Karen Flickin-
ger to make an appointment for
our Catch-up date, September 7.
We want all members and friends
included in this directory
Your inclusion assures you a
copy of this directory includ-
ing more pictures than ever.

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

We now have a total \$2,695.00
of designated special over and
above giving for the new storm
windows. This is 19.5% of our
total cost. See the sample
window in the Narthex. Addit-
ional givers include: Mrs.
Mary Wilhelm, Dan & Jolene Dick-
ey, Edna Johnson, Mr. & Mrs.
Jack Weicker, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph
Church, Mrs. Shirley Dibble,
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Ehreshman,
Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Reynolds, Mr.
Harley Morphew.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Nila Schilling and family
in the death of her father, How-
ard Fox last Thursday.

To Kathryn Bixenman in the
death of her grandmother in
Illinois last week.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Church Worship	237
Church School	110
Through-the-Week	20
Budget Giving	\$2,113.16
Building Fund	259.58

NEW MEMBER DURING AUGUST:

Mai Pauley

GREETINGS IN THE LORD JESUS!

I am excited and full of much anticipation especially as we move into the fall season!

I am excited that we have sent every Outreach Check scheduled for these first 35 Sundays of 1978 totalling \$17,025. This has been enabled by our regular giving and our setting aside 20% of all receipts to reach out to others. During these final months of 1978 I anticipate we will mark the completion of our budget goal, building fund giving, and our storm window project.

My greatest excitement lies in the area of PERSONS. We promote our children and begin a new Church School year on September 10. We are asking for work--enlistment--regularity--prayers--and participation so that we will have a minimum of 200 in our Church School each Sunday from September 10 to October 1

CLASS	MINIMUM GOAL	CHALLENGE GOAL up 50%
Nursery I	10	15
Nursery II	6	9
Nursery III	14	21
Kindergarten-First Grade	12	18
Second and Third Grade	10	15
Fourth and Fifth Grade	8	12
Chi Rho - Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grades	14	21
CYF - ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth Grades	18	27
Young Couples	8	12
Christians Under Construction	22	33
Gospel Seekers	12	18
Harmony Class	20	30
Come Double Class	14	21
Berean Class	8	12
Progressive Class	24	36
	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>

I urge our teachers, elders, leaders, and all to be inviters and bringers of others to Church School and Worship. In addition to our Church School goal of a minimum of 200, we anticipate a minimum of 350 in our two Sunday worship hours.

We are starting an expanded Expanded Hour Session during Second Worship on the 10th in addition to the Children's Choir of Grades 2 through 5. Our Chancel Choir with its goal of 30 singers will begin singing regularly on the 10th. I am enthused and desirous of joyful and fulfilling

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GREETINGS (from page three)

congregational singing in each worship hour (some were thrilled yesterday even on a low vacation day.)

Yes, I am excited and full of anticipation. Join with me in celebrating life and love and good news, which is ours in Jesus Christ!

Harold E. Cline

SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS ON AUGUST 26, 1978

Upon the recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee, Ed Allen was approved as chairman of Stewardship and Finance Committee to complete the unexpired term of Andrew Cook. Church School Teachers elected upon the recommendation of the Education Committee include: Nursery III - Betty Grimm, Becky Patton, Diana Wortley; Kindergarten-First Grade - Leesa Jump; Grades 2 & 3 - Sharon Pauley; Grades 4 & 5 - Karen Flickinger; Assistant Chi Rho Counselor - Sylvia Smith.

In accord with our policies on the Church Vocation Scholarship, the Board confirmed action to cancel the total loan notes to Ed Allen, Jr. since he has now served a congregation for two years following his graduation and ordination.

Upon recommendation of the Outreach Committee, the Board approved November 5 as Global Concerns Day utilizing Division of Overseas Ministries Personnel in morning worships, at a noon pitch-in, and then as resource leaders for the evening Inquirers and Membership Renewal Class.

Action was also taken for the church designating \$500 per month from regularly budgeted outreach to underwrite a major portion of the cost of Mai Pauley to receive special schooling at the Woodhaven Christian Home in Columbia, Missouri. The financial support would be granted for months in residence for a maximum of three learning years.

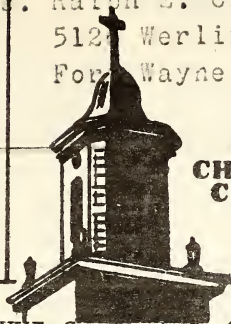
Reports of the Committees were made from the thrust of the day at Barbee which had a sharp focus on goaling and long range planning.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees, will be Tuesday, September 5 at 7:30 P.M.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
6:00 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:15 P.M. School of Christian
Growth
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna
Vaught, 4035 Fairfield
7:30 P.M. HELPER-Team
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Cindy
Akers, 4925 Tristom Ct.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Marge
Lehman, 4110 Huth
9:30 A.M. Sch. of Christian Growth
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Sack
Lunch as the church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Miriam
Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
7:30 P.M. Sch. of Christian Growth

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Church
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Sch. of Christian Growth

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-16

EDUCARE EVENT (begins with dinner
on Friday at 6:00 P.M. continues
all day Saturday)

KICK OFF FOR FALL

WORSHIP AT 8:15 or 10:45 A.M.

Goal of 350 persons worshipping
-Sermon by Dr. Cline: "GATHERING
FOR PREPARATION" Acts 2:37-47;
Acts 8:26-40; Ephesians 4:7-16.
-Chancel Choir singing at 10:45
A.M.
-Expanded Children's Program dur-
ing worship including Children's
Choir after the Sermonette.
-Recognition, Appreciation and
Commitment of Educational staff
rotating off, coming on, or con-
tinuing during both hours.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.

-Goal of 200 persons studying in
our many classes
-Promotion Sunday for all child-
ren and youth classes
-Beginning of new curriculum mat-
erial throughout our school

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS AT 6:00 P.M.

Chi Rho for Grades 6, 7, 8 and
Christian Youth Fellowship for
Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 begin
fall season with new groups at
6:00 P.M.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10, will be Promotion Sunday for the children in our Sunday Church School. On that day, our children and youth and some adult classes will be beginning new curriculum resource materials in their classes. Children's Classes will also be regrouped and many new rooms assigned. New classroom and group assignments are listed below. HOWEVER, EVERYONE IS ASKED TO GO TO THEIR PRESENT ROOM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL HOUR AND WAIT FOR MRS. BIXENMAN TO COME TO PROMOTE OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. Adult Classes whose rooms have been changed will go directly to their new classrooms.

NURSERY I - Babies and Toddlers under two on October 1 - Linda Johnstone, regular teacher currently on leave. Room 236. Goal - 10.

NURSERY II - Children two and three years old before October 1. Lois Finkhousen and Karen Zimmerman, teachers, studying "I Belong Here" and "God's World and Me". Room 235. Goal - 6.

NURSERY III - Children three and four years old before October 1. (must be toilet trained) Nila Schilling, Debbie Brian, Betty Grimm, lead teachers; and Becky Patton, Diana Wortley, Richard Johnson, assistants, studying "Welcome To My Church". Room 131. Goal - 14.

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE - Children entering either of these grade levels or Reading Readiness in public school this fall. Teachers - Armella Newman and Leesa Jump. Eunice Conrad substitute. Studying "In God's Promise" and using stories of Elijah and the Widow, God and Noah, and "A Time for Giving" during the fall quarter. Room 133. Goal - 12.

SECOND & THIRD GRADES - Sharon Pauley, teacher, Eileen Klepfer substitute. Studying "God's Call" with selected stories from the Bible books of Exodus and Joshua. Room 132. Goal - 10.

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADES - Karen Flickinger, teacher, Peggy Buskirk, substitute. Studying "God's Word to God's People", using selections from the Bible books of Acts, Joshua and I Kings. Room 331. Goal - 8.

CHI RHO (6th, 7th & 8th grades) - Permanent teacher still to be secured. Bruce Lehman, substitute. Using three mini-courses, "Rivalries", "Lost and Found", and "The Birth of Jesus", all based on stories in Genesis and Luke. Room 336. - Goal - 14. Bruce Lehman and Sylvia Smith are evening sponsors.

CYF - (all senior high youth) - George Bruckman, teacher. Using a Bible Study based on the Gospel according to Mark and Philippians. Room 335. Goal - 18.

NEW YOUNG COUPLES - Harold Cline, teacher. Studying "TASTE OF NEW WINE". East end of Parlor. Goal - 8.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Dean & Elsie Widler and Pam Bickel, teachers. Using the tabloid format of "TODAY'S WORLD". Room 330. Goal - 22.

COLLEGE & CAREER - Steve & Tana Harter, leaders, meeting when students are at home, plus periodic through-the-week meetings. North end of Youth Lounge.

HARMONY CLASS - Jack Weicker, teacher, using Uniform Lessons. West section of Fellowship Hall. Goal - 20.

GOSPEL SEEKERS - Ruby Cline, leader. Using BASIC BIBLE STUDY. Room 120. Goal - 12.

BEREAN CLASS - Jack Williams, teacher. Using the Interpreter's Bible for Bible Study reference. West end of Parlor. Goal - 8.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - Edna Vaught, teacher. Using Uniform Lessons. East end of Fellowship Hall. Goal - 14.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - Rolland Ripple, teacher. Using Uniform Lessons and meeting in the Chapel, Room 220. Goal - 24.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION AND COMMITMENT

During both Worship hours this Sunday will be a special recognition and appreciation for Church School Staff completing terms of service and also those beginning their terms as teachers.

ROTATING OFF:

Eunice Conrad - 3 years
 Marilyn Byers - 3 years
 Marlene Crouse - 3 years
 Sally Cline - 1 year

NEW TEACHERS THIS FALL: Betty Grimm, Becky Patton, Diana Wortley, Richard Johnson, Leesa Jump, Sharon Pauley, Karen Flickinger, and Sylvia Smith

CONTINUING TEACHERS INCLUDE: Linda Johnstone, Karen Zimmerman, Lois Finkhousen, Nila Schilling, Debbie Brian, Armella Newman, Bruce Lehman, George Bruckman, Harold Cline, Dean & Elsie Widler, Pam Bickel, Steve & Tana Harter, Jack Weicker, Ruby Cline, Jack Williams, Edna Vaught, Rolland Ripple.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

FALL - 1978

The major thrust of the School of Christian Growth for 1978-79 is the Fall and Winter Series of the INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS. It is desired that every member or friend give priority and participate in one of these class series on Sunday evenings. Our other offerings are for those who might choose the opposite time for the focus series, for those who might like to do two things at once, or for those who just cannot participate on Sunday evenings. Because of the emphasis of the year on the INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS for every member and friend of sixth grade through adult levels, the other classes are limited.

REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -- ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE TO BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10, 1978 - Groups will be cancelled and money refunded if any class has less than six registered participants by the registration deadline of September 10.

THE HEART OF THE BIBLE

RESOURCES: 107 page Study Guide Book by Edward Bauman which will be used along with 25 minute cassette tapes on each theme.

COST: \$5 for Text and Tape usage.

SECTIONS:

- I - Led by Harold Cline on Tuesday mornings, September 13, through December 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.
- II - Led by Harold Cline on Thursday evenings, September 14, through December 14 with the exception of Thanksgiving from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to explore thirteen key passages which contain the heart of the Biblical message about God and his purpose for human life. Themes include: Creation and Fall - Genesis 1-3; Exodus Event - Exodus 14, 15; Law & Prophets - Exodus 20; Incarnation - John 1; Life of Jesus - Mark; Teaching of Jesus - Matthew 5-7; Crucifixion & Resurrection - Luke 22-24; Holy Spirit - John 20; Justification by Faith - Romans 1-3; Faith & Works - James 2; Law of Love - I Corinthians 13; Community of Christ - Acts 2; Life after Death - I Corinthians 15.

AN ETHIC FOR CHRISTIANS AND OTHER ALIENS

RESOURCES: Reading Book and Response Guide written by Dr. William Stringfellow plus cassette tapes.

COST: \$7.00 for text and response guide

SECTIONS:

- I - Led by Miriam Bixenman on Monday afternoons, September 12 through December 4, 1978 from 1:15 to 2:45 P.M.
- II - Led by Miriam Bixenman on Wednesday Evenings, September 14 through December 6 from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION: To examine the ethic of a Biblical lifestyle in contemporary American society. Dr. Stringfellow compares America with the parable of Babylon in the Book of Revelation instead of with Jerusalem, the holy nation, as so many of us Americans are prone to do. During the course, we will discover what it means to live in hope in the presence of the moral reality of death, learn how to act humanly in the midst of the fall, explore the possibilities of directing technology for the enhancement of human life, probe the difference between blasphemy and patriotism, and examine any signs of the AntiChrist in America today.

FOR CHILDREN: LEARNING TO KNOW THE OLD TESTAMENT

TIME AND GROUP: Children of Grades three through six on Saturdays from September 16 through November 18, 1978 from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M.

TEXT: YOUNG READERS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES by Helen Doss

COST: \$8.00 to purchase book unless it was purchased last year during the New Testament series.

DESCRIPTION: A serious learning experience for children led by staff to study highpoints of the Old Testament story. Preparation assignments expected each week.

-----REGISTRATION FORM --- Detach & Mail or bring to church office hand to pastors or place in offering plate.

THE ETHIC FOR CHRISTIANS - Monday 1:15 - 2:45 P.M.

THE HEART OF THE BIBLE - Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

ETHIC FOR CHRISTIANS - Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

THE HEART OF THE BIBLE - Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

LEARNING TO KNOW O.T. (Children) Saturday, 10:30 - 11:45 A.M.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

MONEY WITH FORM _____

Need Child Care _____

SERVING SEPTEMBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, C.

Church-NW, D. Allen, D. Church

10:45 A.M. L. York & G. Falbe-SW

M. Akers & C. Schwartz-NW, D. Wortley, P. Mullen, D. Short, R. Baugher

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Wortley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen - Laura York

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, A. Newman, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M221 Mrs. Sarah Smith

476 Mr. Ralph Keller

347 Mrs. Brenda Shipley

466 Mrs. Judith Crandall

WEDDINGS BY PASTOR

Bennie Bedford Shephard and Eliza Jane Taylor on 9/2/78. They are residing at 2220 Dunkleburg Rd. #958, 19, 747-0715.

Steven Ralph White and Debbie Lin Nordblom on 9/2/78. They are residing at 7555 Decatur Rd. Lot 33, 16, 447-9985.

PANTRY NEEDS:

TUNA, MEAT, CANNED FRUIT,

CEREAL, JELLO, PUDDING

EDUCARE EVENT

Barbara Short and Miriam Bixenman are giving staff leadership to the Regionally sponsored Edu-Care Event here on September 15 & 16. Registered from our congregation are Eunice Conrad, Karen Flickinger, Steve Harter, Armella Newman, Sharon Pauley, Marilyn Rayl, Susie Watson, and Gary Wade.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will resume meeting every other Monday morning at 10:00 beginning September 11. We will continue our study of Acts, using the text, "DRUMBEAT OF LOVE", by Lloyd Ogilvie. New members are always welcome, but will be especially invited when we begin a new study in November.

CALL FOR CHANCEL CHOIR

Join our Chancel Choir for rehearsal each Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the Choir Room, No. 320. Our Choir begins singing regularly for Second Worship beginning this Sunday, September 10.

Sara Davis, our Director of Music, and Jerry Zimmerman, our Organist are enthused and excited about the new year because of their recent involvement in the Annual Workshop of the Association of Disciple Musicians.

Any 18 and over are encouraged to sing regularly with our Chancel Choir! Come and begin this new season.

WILL YOU BE PRESENT IN STUDY AND WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY?

HYMN OF THE MONTH

A major concern of our Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee recently has focused on our congregational singing of hymns during worship. We are concerned that we enjoy and participate in this phase of worship. The following are the Hymns of the Month for the coming year:

AUGUST - "Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore" inside back cover

SEPTEMBER - "Make Us, O God, A Church That Shares" - inside back cover

OCTOBER - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - No. 155

NOVEMBER - "The Voice of God Is Calling" - No. 490

DECEMBER - Selected Advent and Christmas Music - no one hymn

JANUARY - "Glory Be to God On High" - No. 100

FEBRUARY - "God Moves In a Mysterious Way" No. 162.

MARCH - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - No. 159.

APRIL - "Thine Is the Glory" - No. 244

MAY - "Come, Christians Join To Sing" - inside back cover

JUNE - "That Cause Can Neither Be Lost or Stayed" - No. 493

JULY - "Men and Children, Everywhere" - No. 96

Sing the tunes - Learn the words
- Drink deeply of the message -
Share faith through songs!

Following the Sermonette, children three and four years old will go to Room 131 for second hour and children in public school kindergarten and first grade will go to room 133. Permanent staff for these sessions will be announced during September. Meanwhile Peggy Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman and selected substitutes will continue to serve.

SERMONS FOR CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

While we are challenging people to regularity in Worship and Study from September 10 to October 1, Dr. Cline is preaching this basic series of sermons on the general theme of "THE CHURCH - GOD'S CALLED COMMUNITY"

Sept. 10 - "GATHERING FOR PREPARATION"

Worshipping - Acts 2:37-47

Nurturing - Acts 8:26-40

Equipping - Ephesians 4:7-16

Sept. 17 - "LIFE SHARING IN CHRIST"

Christocentric - Matthew 16:13-20

Spirit-filled - Acts 2:1-36

Life-giving - I John 1:1-10

Sept. 24 - "SCATTERING FOR MINISTRY"

Healing - James 5:13-18

Witnessing - Acts 4:1-31

Serving - Acts 6:1-6

Oct. 1 - "EMERGING FOR THIS WORLD"

Prophetic - Matthew 21:12, 13

Ecumenical - John 17:1-26

Emerging - Matthew 9:14-17

SECOND HOUR ENLARGED

Beginning September 10, we will have an expanded second hour program. This will be in three sections, in addition to child care for children under two. The session for two year olds will be for the full time of Divine Worship. Children three by October 1 and older will go to the sanctuary with their parents and will be present for the sermonette. Fol-

KICK OFF FOR FALL (from page 1)
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The major course of the fall - THE INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS of 61 persons who have enrolled and have materials begins at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 17. Preparation reading and assignments are in process till that date.

The other five courses are announced on pages 4 and 5 and registration is due by this Sunday evening the 10th. Sessions begin on Monday the 11th or the appropriate date next week of the day of the class.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

September 10-16, 1978

John Bechstein	Arthur Mowery
Judith Brickley	Ruth O'Laughlin
Eunice Conrad	James Presnell
Maude Donahue	Schellie Schell
Raymond Finton	Iris Raybourn
Wanda Howell	Michelle Reeves
Ramona Ketner	Carlton Smith
Mark Lehman	Mabel Sherer

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER: Allan and Joan Eubank. Allan teaches New Testament and Evangelism and Joan Vocal Music in Thailand Theological Seminary. Their address is: P.O. Box 37, Chiangmai, Thailand.

INTER-FAITH VISITATION TO QUEEN
OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Inter Religious Action Council is sponsoring another visit to a different denomination. This is one in a series to promote sharing and understanding of various expressions of faith. The visit will be September 10 at 7:00 P.M. at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. The visit will consist of an open house and worship service. Refreshments will be served, so the church would like to know how many to expect. If you can go, call Miriam Bixenman by Friday September 8.

FALL KICK-OFF FOR CYF

All high school youth of Grades 9 through 12 are wanted Morning and Evening this Sunday!

Begin a new year in Church School at 9:30 A.M. in Room 335 - A new study begins with youth curriculum materials and taught by George Bruckman

The same group is also wanted at 6:00 P.M. for the election of officers for the coming year and to kick-off the special youth activities. Carol Cline will be reporting to the youth from the National Youth Ministries Congress in Omaha, Nebraska and the Regional Youth Commission and its plans for this coming year.

Come and make a new start with a new Christian Youth Fellowship group and program this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

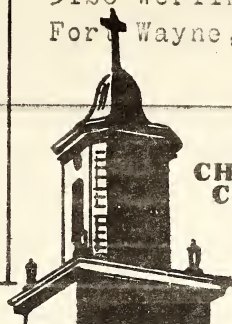
CHI RHO

Our Chi Rho Fellowship will begin fall meetings this Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 P.M. All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are urged to be at this initial fall meeting to learn about plans for the year and to help in making these plans. If you have a special thing you would like for Chi Rho to do, let us hear about it and plan for it. Bruce Lehman and Sylvia Smith will serve as sponsors for the group.

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SPECIAL CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1978 10:15 A.M.

Dear Members and Friends of First Christian:

As many of you are aware, this coming Lord's Day, September 17, will mark a very special day in the life of our Senior Pastor, Dr. Harold E. Cline, and therefore, a very special day in the life of our church. On this day, in word and music, we shall commemorate and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Ordination of our pastor to the Christian ministry. This is indeed a milestone, and we do want every member and friend of our church to be present on this wonderful occasion.

Because many out-of-town guests will be taking part in this special act of celebration, there will be ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON THIS DATE. CHURCH SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 ON THE 17th, AND THE SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:15. Following the worship service, there will be a reception for Harold and Ruby in Fellowship Hall including refreshments and the presentation of gifts from members and friends of the church.

It is the fervent hope of your committee that all members and friends of First Christian will want to take part in this very special occasion. Let's have a great outpouring of the Spirit as we meet together to launch our Senior Pastor into his second quarter century of service.

Jack Weicker, Chairman
George Bruckman
Mamie Caldwell
Sally Cline
Hazel Crouse
Steve Harter
Margaret Love

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 17

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:00

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:15

SERVING SEPTEMBER 17
ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Barbara Short and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. J. Young, M. Hutchin-
son, S. Allen, J. Jump, S. Hayes,
B. Mettler, R. Orr, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, R. Cheva-
lier, H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, G.
Wade

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. Barbara Short-Mark Ak-
ers, Robert Rayl - George Davis,
William Love

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen and Laura York

NURSERY WORKERS

10:15 A.M. C. Falbe, J. Ott, D.
Wortley

THANK YOU NOTES:

To the Members of First Christian:

*It is so hard for us to express
how much all the cards, calls, and
Harold and Miriam's visits have
meant to us. We thank you espec-
ially for all of your prayers.
Adam is recuperating very nicely
and getting stronger every day.*

*Your friends in Christ,
Charlie & Armella Newman*

*Thanks for the many cards and
calls. Also thanks from the dried
floral arrangement from the Harmony
Class.*

Nila Schilling

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, JELLO,

PUDDING, BABY FOOD, MEAT, TUNA,

CANNED FRUIT.

CWF SALAD POTLUCK and COMMISSION-
ING OF NEW GENERAL AND GROUP
OFFICERS

The first general CWF meeting
will be a Salad Potluck meal on
September 19, at 6:30 P.M. at the
church. The hostesses for the
meal will be the Martha and Esth-
er Groups. Those attending sh-
ould bring a salad to share and
table service. Rolls, and drink
will be provided. The program,
led by Barbara Short, will be a
Commissioning of Officers of both
the General CWF and groups. This
will serve as a drawing together
for Christian Women's Fellowship
for the year's activities.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have
a carry-in picnic dinner at Earl &
Reba Fusselman's 6309 Bluffton Rd.
on September 23 at 5:00 P.M. Br-
ing food and table service, drinks
will be provided. Weather permit-
ting, bring yard games and lawn
chairs.

ATTENTION BELL RINGERS!

The first rehearsal for the Youth
Bell Choir will be Sunday, Septem-
ber 17 at 5:00 P.M. Membership is
open to students in grades 6-12.
First Sunday to play is October 22.

Your Chief Bell Ringer,
Sara Davis

*I want the express my thanks and
appreciation for prayers, visits,
and cards from Dr. Cline, Mrs.
Bixenman and friends during my
stay in the Hospital. Thanks in
Christian faith.*

Ralph W. Keller

CALLING OTHERS TO JOIN IN STUDY AND WORSHIP

We jumped radically to 182 in Church School and 305 in Worship last Sunday! Each one of these and many others are needed to push us over 200 -- our minimum goal for Church School and 350 -- our minimum goal for the two worships!

We congratulate the following classes for achieving their minimum goal in church school - Nursery II, Kindergarten-First Grade, Second & Third Grade, Fourth & Fifth Grade, Chi Rho, and the Berean and Progressive Classes! Seven classes reached goals - eight did not - let's come!

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Nursery I	10	8	15
Nursery II	6	12	9
Nursery III	14	12	21
Kindergarten-First Grade	12	14	18
Second and Third Grade	10	11	15
Fourth and Fifth Grade	8	8	12
Chi Rho (6th, 7th, & 8th Grade)	14	16	21
C.Y.F. (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade)	18	10	27
Young Couples	8	5	12
Christians Under Construction	22	18	33
Gospel Seekers	12	11	18
Harmony Class	20	19	30
Come Double Class	14	7	21
Berean Class	8	10	12
Progressive Class	24	25	36
	<u>200</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>300</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1978

A motion was approved to grant permission to the Allen County E.O.C. to use Rooms 132 and 133 on Mondays through Thursdays during this current year upon the working out of a responsible lease agreement. These rooms will be used for the Headstart Program.

Upon recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee, Sara Davis will direct the Youth Bell Choir and the basis for a Children's Director was approved. A redefinition was given to Sara Davis as Director of Music.

Upon the recommendation of the Elders, the Board approved an investigation meeting to learn more about THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES. This meeting will be a special gathering of the Board of Elders, the Board of Trustees, and the Education Committee on October 3, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. Full study
(continued on page four)

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD (from page three)
and information since this will be a long range commitment of the congregation.

Upon recommendation of the Education Committee, Richard Johnson was approved as Assistant Teacher of the Three and Four Year Olds.

Information was given concerning the Southwest Fort Wayne Survey for those 55 and over for which we are currently enlisting persons to make house-door contacts.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 A.M. Church School
10:15 A.M. Morning Worship
6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
3:00-9:00 P.M. Proof Showing
7:30 P.M. HELPER Team

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
3:00-9:00 P.M. Proof Showing
6:30 P.M. CWF Salad Potluck
7:30 P.M. Orientation - SW Ft.
Wayne Survey, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

3:00-9:00 P.M. Proof Showing

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3:00-9:00 P.M. Proof Showing
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Orientation, SW FT.
Wayne Survey, Achduth Vesholom Temple

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:00-8:00 P.M. Proof Showing

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 A.M. Proof Showing
4:30 P.M. Chi Rho Progressive
Dinner
5:00 P.M. Progressive Class
Carry-in Picnic, Fusselman's
6309 Bluffton Rd.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Additional persons may join the Monday afternoon Ethics Class led by Miriam Bixenman from 1:15 to 2:45 P.M. or the Heart of the Bible Class led by Harold Cline, on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. Call the Church office and come next Monday or Tuesday.

FALL SERIES:

INQUIRERS AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

Since both Chi Rho and CYF joined in this series, 76 persons now have the preparatory materials to begin the intensive 10 weeks this Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

September 17-23, 1978

Rebecca Bowman	Cindy Moriarty
Michael Byers	Armella Newman
Martha Cole	Elizabeth Patten-
Betty Farrow	gale
Ethel Flowers	Jack Sauerwein
Gary Hall	Kathleen Simon
Delores Keebortz	Twyla Streeter

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER:

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:00-8:00 P.M. Proof Showing

5:15 P.M. CHI RHO Progressive

Dinner begins

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Proof Show-
ing

5:00 P.M. PROGRESSIVE CLASS Pic-
nic, Fusselman's 6309 Bluffton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's & Membership

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 A.M. Study Group

12:00 Noon Interfaith Luncheon
Zoli's Chalet

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

7:30 P.M. Orientation for Survey
in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible Class

11:30 A.M. DMA Potluck followed by
tour of Eckrich Plant

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Elsie
Widler, 1917 Buckskin

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee, Bickel's 1232 Illsley

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Thank you for your overwhelming Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of my ordination. I thank those who planned and kept a secret for so long; I thank those who worked hard for the Party in Fellowship Hall; I thank all who helped make such a meaningful worship experience; I thank all who shared in the gift of a plaque, a Memory Book of Letters, and a gift of \$900 for a growth experience; I thank all who shared in the day by their presence whether coming from near at hand or far away--yes, my deepest thanks to all! I am so very appreciative of a highlight day given to me through this congregation and joined by so many others of my family, of former congregations, and sister congregations.

I would hope and pray that my ministry would be a "living reminder" of Christ as I relate in the months and years ahead. I am deeply aware of my humanness and problems and faults, but praise God that he can use human instrumentalities in his service.

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, E. Brown-
NW, D. Church, A. Lee

10:45 A.M. A. Benny & G. Davis-
SW, R. Krull & E. Conrad-NW, M.
Crouse, K. Taylor, S. Schell, C.
Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk and Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Peg Buskirk and Carole Overmyer

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, S. Callahan,
S. Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 711 Mr. Kenneth Timmons
413 Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

THANK YOU NOTE:

*Thanks to Rev. Cline and all who
called on me, for their cards,
visits, and prayers during my stay
in the hospital.*

Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Reynolds

(NOTE: Editor apologizes for delay
in publishing this note -- it was
mislaidd.)

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Stephan Carter King and Kimberly
Michelle Newby at New London, Ind-
iana, on 9/9/78.

CHOOSE PROOF FOR DIRECTORY:

All who had pictures taken re-
cently should come to the church
sometime between 3:00 and 9:00 on
Thursday; between 2:00 and 8:00
on Friday or 10:00 A.M. to 4:00
P.M. on Saturday. A proof must
be chosen for inclusion in the
Directory--no one must buy any
pictures! Those who had pictures
taken on September 7 or who have
gone by special arrangement to
other churches will choose their
proofs at a later time. You will
be notified.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

We need to know youth of 16
through adult men who want to
play basketball on Tuesday or Wed-
nesday evenings this winter in a
League. Call names to church of-
fice by September 29 or sign up
on bulletin board opposite office.

PASTOR TO FLINN HOME

Dr. Cline led worship and
preached for the Sunday afternoon
worship and communion service in
the Flinn Home on September 10.

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

"Joyfully We Love and Obey" is
the theme of this year's Luncheon
sponsored by Church Women United
on September 25 at 12:00. The
event will be held at Zoli's Cha-
let on Covington Road.

PANTRY NEEDS:

TRETT OR SPAM, TUNA, CANNED
FRUIT, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK

COME AND BRING OTHERS TO CHURCH SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

The earlier time seemed to cut back our Church School to 156 against our minimum goal of 200. We rejoice in the four classes which exceeded goals--the Progressive Class, the Gospel Seekers, the Fourth & Fifth Grade Class and the Kindergarten-First Grade Class.

Our visitors helped to push our one worship service to 358 which exceeded our goal of 350--Let's keep above the 350 mark for the coming weeks! We can do it if we will come with regularity and bring others!

CLASS	MINIMUM GOAL	9/17	CHALLENGE GOAL
Nursery I	10	5	15
Nursery II	6	3	9
Nursery III	14	10	21
<u>Kindergarten-First Grade</u>	12	14	18
2nd-3rd Grade	10	8	15
<u>4th-5th Grade</u>	8	12	12
Chi Rho - 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades	14	13	21
CYF - 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades	18	6	27
Young Couples	8	4	12
Christians Under Construction	22	13	33
<u>Gospel Seekers</u>	12	14	18
Harmony Class	20	13	30
Come Double Class	14	9	21
Berean Class	8	4	12
<u>Progressive Class</u>	24	28	36
	<u>200</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>300</u>

OUR GIVING TO GOD?

The basic giving is being divided as follows for 1978:

- 12.5% - Building repairs, utilities, insurance, supplies
- 16.2% - Program materials for total program
- 20. % - Outreach locally, statewide, nationally, world
- 51.2% - Personnel to lead, to enable, to serve including 4 full-time and 8 part time persons.

GIVE IN PROPORTION TO RESOURCES TO ENABLE GOD'S MINISTRY THROUGH OUR CHURCH LIFE AND WITNESS!

BASIC BUDGET GIVING:

Budget Goal for 1978	\$129,108
Needed per Sunday	2,436
Giving 9/17	2,138
Average to Date	2,360
Needed for 38 Sundays	92,568
Giving - 37 Sundays	89,667
Shortage to date	2,901

WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL BY DECEMBER 31, 1978 IF ALL WILL PRAY AND GIVE AS PROSPERED!

DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS (from page 1)

One carry-over from last Sunday will be the playing at our Organ Console of Victoria Hope in a 15 minute Prelude to both worships this coming Sunday. She had been organist in Arcadia and now plays at First Christian in Noblesville and could not be free to play as invited for last Sunday.

I hope to greet you Sunday as we realize our mutual ministry which stems from our gratitude to God in Christ!

Harold E. Cline

CHI RHO PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is having a Progressive Dinner Party on Friday, September 22. Youth in 6th, 7th & 8th grades are asked to meet in the parking lot at 5:15. Adults accompanying the group will be Bruce Lehman, Sylvia Smith and Miriam Bixenman.

CHRISTIANS WITHOUT SPOUSES

All single adults, whether widows, widowers, divorced, or never married are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall this Sunday after coffee hour. We will be going out to eat together at the Heritage House. Please call Miriam Bixenman, the church office or Laverne Hunt (747-6075) by Saturday noon if you can go.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have a carry-in picnic at Earl & Reba Fushman's 6309 Bluffton Rd. at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, September 23. Drink will be provided. Bring food, table service, yard games & lawn chairs.

D.M.A.

Our DMA group will be visiting the Eckrich plant for their program this meeting. Meet at the church at 11:30 for a potluck meal. Please note change in time. Bring a covered dish and your table service. Ethel and Henry Flowers, Grace and Paul Truby will host the lunch. The Eckrich plant suggests, that, for comfort in the refrigerated areas we bring a wrap and because some floors are wet, wear non skid soles or boots. We may not bring cameras. At the conclusion of the tour, each person will be given a package of Eckrich products. In order that they may have enough of these packages ready, we need to let them know how many to expect, so please phone your reservation to the church office by Monday noon.

CALLING FOR HELP

The Property Committee is inviting help from 9:00 to 4:00 this Saturday to help paint or do some deep cleaning of closets. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEPTEMBER 24-30, 1978

Rosemary Becraft	Richard Lytle
Art Busse	Thomas Mathis
Martin Cole	Ruth Plummer
Geneva Ferguson	Ralph Richard
Betty Grimm	Golden Rose
Mildred Hartman	Don Short
Richard Johnson	Nancy Smith
Wayne Koehlinger	Anna Tracey

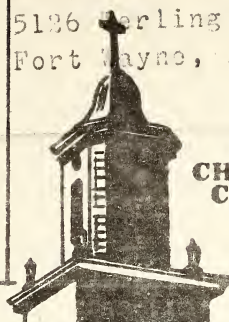
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:30 P.M. Area I Assembly -

Kendallville

4:30 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ethel
Flowers, 4805 Ottawa Dr.

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Combined meeting of
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BOARD OF ELDERS,
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group, Ruby
Mowery 6926 Premiere Dr.

9:00 A.M. Esther Group, Gwynth
Rice, 7001 Premiere

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THE LORD SAYS, "COME"

We believe it is the invitation of Jesus Christ to all who claim Him as Lord and Savior to renew the covenant of love at his Table especially on the World Communion Sunday, October 1. He is the host of the Lord's Supper. He invites and desires the touch of love and relationship through this sacrament. He loves each one of us who come to the table as if we were the only person in the world loved by him--this is the intensity of his love.

Let God love you by receiving the bread and wine of our Lord's broken body and blood at his table this Sunday at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. Any prevented in coming by illness or physical limitations are encouraged to call the church office and the elders and deacons will bring communion to your home or to the hospital.

The feast of the Lord's Supper is prepared by Christ. He as the Lord of the table says, "COME!"

THE CHURCH-GOD'S CALLED COMMUNITY

This sermon series continues Sunday on the theme, "LIFE SHARING IN CHRIST" Read Matthew 16:13-20, Acts 2:1-36, I John 1:1-10.

SERVING OCTOBER 1
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and
Robert Johnson
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, B. Paul-
ey-SW, K. Place, D. Keebortz
10:45 A.M. L. York & J. Young-SW,
D. Wortley & P. Mullen-NW, B. Hen-
dricks, W. Bowen, G. Falbe, C.
Schwartz

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Wiley - D. Short
W. Franklin - B. Pauley
M. Hartman - A. Lee

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk and Eunice Conrad

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee
10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, J. Bickel,
L. Sauerwein, T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 711 Mr. Kenneth Timmons
439 Mr. Bill Halbrook
LUTHERAN: 584 Mrs. Sarah Smith
PARKVIEW: 437 Mrs. Florence Hagar

GIFTS FOR GIDEONS: \$77.00 was given
for the Bible Distribution by Gideons
in special free will gifts after wor-
ship on Sunday.

PAINTERS ARE NEEDED THIS SATURDAY:
9:00 to 4:00 AT THE CHURCH!

IMPORTANT COMBINED MEETING

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES, the
BOARD OF ELDERS, AND THE CHRIST-
IAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE are hav-
ing a joint meeting at 7:30 P.M.
next Tuesday, October 3, to re-
ceive information concerning the
Bethel Bible Series. The cost
in time commitment for coming
years necessitates a common dec-
ision by such a wide group of
leaders. The BOARD OF TRUSTEES
will also consider vital busi-
ness following the presentation
and decision including the regu-
lar hiring of Fred Woodward as
Custodian. All members of these
groups are needed!

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP

Tonight, Thursday, September
28, the COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP
will meet at Harter's, 4922
Knoll Rd. This is the first of
bi-monthly meetings of this
group.

CLASS MERGER

Post Hi Singles are joining
the Young Couples Class in the
East Parlor during the college
year. The joint group will pro-
ceed with THE TASTE OF NEW WINE
--Chapter 7 for Sunday, October
1st.

MEMBERS SERVING ELSEWHERE

Dean & Elsie Wilder are lead-
ing a Lay Witness Mission this
weekend in First Christian Church
Frankfort

PANTRY NEEDS: TREET OR SPAM; CANNED FRUIT; TUNA; NOODLES

CALLING EVERYONE FOR CHURCH SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

Sunday was a down day in church participation - 131 in Church School and 241 in Worship and our basic giving dropped to \$1,445.48.

We rejoice that the PROGRESSIVE and BEREAN CLASSES exceeded minimum goals last Sunday. The PROGRESSIVE CLASS has achieved its goal for 3 weeks consecutively. The BEREAN CLASS has made it two out of three weeks. Can we all push hard and accomplish them in this final Sunday of our four week effort!

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY - When the invitation to meet Christ at His Table is so universal in the church should be an impetus to bring every believer into the hour of worship and go well over the goal of 350 worshippers.

CLASS	MINIMUM GOAL	9/24	CHALLENGE GOAL
Nursery I	10	5	15
Nursery II	6	2	9
Nursery III	14	9	21
Kindergarten-First Grade	12	6	18
2nd-3rd Grade	10	8	15
4th-5th Grade	8	7	12
Chi Rho - 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade	14	10	21
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	<u>200</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>300</u>

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

We now have a total of \$3,246.50 or 23.5% of our needed \$13,799.19 for the entire Storm Window Project.

Many have given \$91 or more to purchase one or more windows, others have made special gifts of lesser amounts. New givers since the last listing: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Shirley, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Halbrook, Mrs. Irene Current, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Atwood, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Mildred Hogg, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Smith, Mr. Delmas Young, Mr. August Mueller.

BASIC BUDGET GIVING

Needed per Sunday of 78	\$2,436
GIVING OF 9/24 (HELP!)	1,445
Average to date:	2,336
Needed for 39 Sundays	95,004
Giving for 39 Sundays	91,113
SHORTAGE TO DATE	3,891

We move into the final quarter of 1978 which has 14 Sundays--an extra in 1978 - Let's give as prospered to the Glory of God and service of others!

FALL ASSEMBLY OF AREA I

Our Christian Churches in NE Indiana are having an Assembly from 2:30 to 8:00 P.M. this Sunday at the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Our Chancel Choir and others not involved in the Inquirer's and Membership Renewal Class are urged to attend. Call the Church Office for reservations now.

The afternoon includes workshops on Bible study, Worshipping, Meditative Life, Agine, and Wills and Bequests plus programming for older children and youth. Child care is provided for preschoolers. Following the 6:00 P.M. dinner will be a worship experience involving the joint choir of the Area. Sara Davis will direct some of the choir's anthems. Jerry Zimmerman will be the organist.

PATRICIA WISHES....

Come play *Patricia Wishes* --its the hottest game in town! The game rules are similar to those of Simon Says, you know as long as Patricia Wishes it--the players do it!

PATRICIA WISHES - we had to buy new chairs for the library because all the seats were taken.

PATRICIA WISHES - that those who have had books out for more than two months would return them.

PATRICIA WISHES - suggestions from one and all. If you've looked for it and can't find it let her know and she'll see about it.

(NOTE: We are sure you have guessed that our guest columnist is our Librarian - Pat Mullen -- watch for more PATRICIA WISHES)

DINNERS OF EIGHT

All are urged to sign up now for this Fall and Spring Dinners of 8 Letters will be mailed next week for the first assignments.

These will be held during October, November, March and April. The host sets the time and furnishes the meat, the other guests bring a salad, rolls, a vegetable or dessert. The purpose is acquaintance and relationship and does not have a program planned.

This is for singles or couples. Any who do not desire regular assignments to groups of 8 can sign for the substitute list to be used when vacancies occur.

Call the office 744-3239 NOW or be sure to sign up on Sunday!

RECONCILIATION

Our World Wide Communion special offering is for Reconciliation--a program of the Christian Church to help minorities and poor across our land--half of the money is spent within the state given and the other half on the national level but mainly in scattered communities.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 1-6, 1978

Ruby Boxell Bert Leversee
Clair Buskirk Edna Nordblom
Romane Cole Earl Plummer
Jeanne Feltenburger Ann Sands
Steve Frappier Ethel Richhart
Art Huddleston Marvin Roseberry
Calvin Jones Tim Sauerwein
Sue Kerley Fern Strole
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER --
Sandra Gourdet and Sharon Watkins, both teachers in Zaire.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma
7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Phyllis
Tobias, 10719 U.S. 27 South

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, MCL
Cafeteria, Southtown Mall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Esther
Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Post Hi Singles, Sally
Cline, 905 Ridgewood, #4

NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

Our Children's Choir for children of grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will begin weekly rehearsals during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour immediately after the Children's Sermonette this Sunday.

RANDY AHR will be directing this choir. He is a student at Fort Wayne Bible College both in piano and music education. He worked as Music Assistant at Christian Union Church and also with Harding High School this past year. He will be working in a responsibility arrangement with Sara Davis, our Music Director.

All children are urged to begin regularly with Randy this Sunday morning the 8th!

THE CHURCH - GOD'S CALLED COMMUNITY

Dr. Cline completes this series of four sermons this Sunday on the theme, "EMERGING FOR THIS WORLD" based on Matthew 21:12,13, John 17:1-26; and Matthew 9:14-17.

CALLING ALL MEN!!

Mark your Calendars for November 17, 18, and 19. EVERETT KUSSMANN, T.W.A. Executive and national Disciple lay leader from Kansas City will be speaking at a Father-Son Banquet on Friday night, a men's breakfast on Saturday, and Sunday morning worship.

SERVING OCTOBER 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Allen-SW, D. Church-
NW, S. Rayl

10:45 A.M. D. Short & R. Baugher-
SW, S. Hayes & B. Mettler-NW, L.
Young, S. Allen, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Wort-
ley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

10:45 A.M. B. & C. Schwartz, K.
Shipley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN - 240 - Intensive Care -
Mrs. Clara Schryver with a mas-
sive stroke.

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES:

Worship	290
Church School	142
Through-the-Week	30
Budget Giving	\$2,215.00
Building Fund	190.36

CHI RHO

Chi Rho will meet at 4:00 P.M.
this Sunday and will have a cookie
bake. Come, bring willing hands to
work, and a good appetite!

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL,
TUNA, MEAT

PAPER SALE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is spon-
soring a paper sale on Saturday,
October 14. Any donations of
papers will be appreciated.
Either bring them to the church
(Fellowship Hall stage) before
the 14th or if you need pick up
of papers, call the church office
744-3239, or Sylvia Smith (745-
4576) before October 12.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dr. Cline and involved 5 days
last week and 4 days this week in
Continuing Education. He is one
of five who are being trained to
lead Lab I Workshops on calling
and communications skills by Dr.
Tim Savage of LEAD Associates.
Vacation time is being used for
this educational experience.

YOUNG SINGLES CLASS

This group decided Thursday to
begin meeting each Sunday for Ch-
urch School - they had 9 Sunday
including two home from college
for the day. All Post Hi Singles
are invited at 9:30 A.M. promptly
on Sundays for the class led by
Steve & Tana Harter in the north
center room off the third floor
Youth Lounge.

The group is invited to the
apartment of Sally Cline, 905
Ridgewood, #4 at 7:30 P.M., Thurs-
day, October 12. Bring an ap-
petizer. Purpose is a Farewell
time with Sally!

PATRICIA WISHES.... every member
would join the Read-a-Library-
Book-a-week....a-month....a-year-
Club!

FINAL REPORT ON CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH GOALS

During Church School the Progressive Class exceeded its class goal for the fourth straight Sunday. CONGRATULATIONS! The Grade 4 & 5 Class taught by Karen Flickinger reached its challenge goal of 12 for the second time in four weeks and exceeded its minimum goal 3 times. Our Church School averaged 154 for the four weeks against a year-to-date of 119 including these Sundays!

Our worship moved up to 302 for the four Sundays which is well above the year-to-date of 266. We rejoice in the participation and movement in our life!

May we move from meeting goals to FAITHFULNESS in Church School and Worship weekly which is basic in the Christian lifestyle!

CLASS	MINIMUM GOAL	100%	CHALLENGE GOAL
Nursery I	10	5	15
Nursery II	6	3	9
Nursery III	14	10	21
Kindergarten-First Grade	12	10	18
2nd & 3rd Grade	10	9	15
4th & 5th GRADE	8	12	12
Chi Rho - 6th, 7th, 8th Grades	14	11	21
CYF - 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th	18	9	27
Young Singles (College & Career)		9	
Young Couples	8	2	12
Christians Under Construction	22	15	33
Gospel Seekers	12	11	18
Harmony Class	20	10	30
Come Double Class	14	7	21
Berean Class	8	5	12
PROGRESSIVE CLASS	24	30	36
	<u>200</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>300</u>

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 8-14, 1978

James Bramel Julie Kreischer
 Cheryl Busse Charles Newman
 Candance Cole Mary Piatt
 Lee Crowell Genevieve Ripple
 Linda (Ventres) Favorsy
 Judith Ford Terry Roseberry
 Stella Houk Glenna Smith
 Mary King Metta Stucky
 Russell Wortley

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING OCTOBER:

Mrs. Sandra Gourdet, a fraternal worker through the Division of Overseas Ministries teaches in the Lycee Protestante Girls School at Mbandaka, Zaire. She is a native of Alabama and has married a government employed teacher at Zaire Christian Institute.

Sharon Watkins is working in the field of literacy for the Church of Christ in Zaire. She is the daughter of Dr. Keith Watkins of CTS and is under the Division of Overseas Ministries.

PASSION PLAY

Pi chapter of Psi Iota Xi, is bringing to Fort Wayne the original American Version of the Oberammergau Passion Play. There will be performances at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 18, 19, & 20. Matinees are at 9:30 A.M. each day, all general admission at \$1.50. Evening performances are at 8:00 P.M. each evening, with tickets at \$4.00, \$5.00, & \$6.00 in advance, or \$1.00 more if purchased at the door. In this portrayal, the last seven days of the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ, unfold before your eyes. For ticket purchase, mail requests and checks to Pi Chapter, Psi Iota Xi, P.O. Box 5256, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46805. Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope with your order.

COUPLE MOVING

"It is with deep regret that I must resign the Outreach Committee Chairmanship and also teacher of Kindergarten-First Grade Sunday School Class. Charlis must also resign as a member of the Membership Committee, as we will be moving to Chicago as soon as possible. We only hope that we can find a church home as wonderful as First Christian has been"

Armella & Charlie Newman

REGISTER NOW FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

We know of twenty registered or with housing for this event in Bloomington on October 20-22. Lloyd Ogilvie is Keynote Speaker. Secure registration materials now from the office.

CALLING FOR VISITING CALLERS

Be a Part of the GAME plan -- Give a Monday -- Evangelize. The door is open and persons are invited to visit in the name of Christ on Monday evenings one or two times per month. Come at 7:00 P.M. - Share brief training - Visit in homes at the depth you feel comfortable. People visit our worship services - we believe that we need to return the visit in the homes.

If can not be a part of the Monday calling team, contact Dr. Cline for assignments at other times.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING FOR RECONCILIATION

This special emphasis sneaked up on us and some were not ready--we have received \$212.58 to date towards a goal of \$500. Use the special envelopes in the sets or the special pew envelopes or mark a special gift on the regular envelope. This money supports special ministries of help and healing for hurting persons across our land.

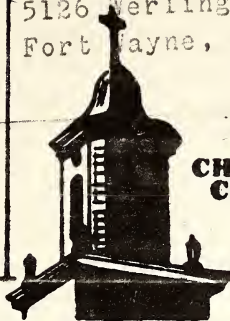
AREA I ASSEMBLY

Barbara Short, our Area I Vice Moderator was program chairwoman for this event held last Sunday which was also attended by the Jerry Zimmerman family, the Mel Busse family, John & Betty Briggs, Carol Cline, Sara Davis, and Vincent Wells. Jerry was the Organist for the event and Sara directed some of the joint choir anthems.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:00 Noon Coffee Hour honoring
the Newman family

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Mike
& Susie Watson, 4044 S. Monroe

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER

20-22

Regional Assembly of Christian
Church in Indiana - Bloomington

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER,
CEREAL, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT

with himself through which he can give us wholeness of life."

-- Edward W. Bauman in THE HEART OF THE BIBLE p. 41.

GOD'S CALLING THROUGH JESUS

"God's greatest gift to human persons is the life of Jesus. Through this gift he pours his love upon us, showing us clearly what his purposes is for our human existence. All around us persons are raising fundamental questions: "Who am I?" "What is the purpose of life?" "Where am I going?" "What is the future of the world?" Many of the answers are vague, confused, and incomplete. But there is one answer which speaks directly to these questions and confronts them in a clear and concrete way. In the life of Jesus, God shows us what it means to be a true, fulfilled, complete human being, and he shows us his purpose for creating man and the world. In Jesus he gives us a perfect model of human life and he provides us with the motivation and the strength to move toward the development of that model in our own lives."

"...God was acting in the life of Jesus to call us into a union

FOCUS THE WEEK THROUGH STUDY AND WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY MORNING --
EXPERIENCE JESUS AS BINDING LIFE TO GOD FOR ITS WHOLENESS.

SERVING OCTOBER 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Janet Weicker
10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, P.
Yentes NW, M. Busse, S. Thompson
10:45 A.M. R. Orr & M. Crouse-SW,
M. Finkhousen & K. Taylor-NW, A.
Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
B. DeVinney, R. Thompson
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, G. Wade

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Merle Grimm - Ken Taylor
Bert Leversee - Laura York
Judy Church - Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler
10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Stucky,
S. Shipley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN 240 Mrs. Clara Schryver
(still in coma from massive stroke)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Delores Overmyer in the death
of her brother in Illinois on Sun-
day, October 8th.

MEN--MARK CALENDARS!

6:30 P.M., Friday, November 17 -
FATHER-SON BANQUET--if you have
none to bring, find a man or
youth to bring.

7:30 A.M., Saturday, November 18
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Everett Kussmann of Kansas
City will be leading this event
on applying Christianity in the
daily life. He is an active
Disciple layman and TWA executive.

PAPER DRIVE THIS SATURDAY

Bring papers by 9:00 A.M. this
Saturday morning or call the ch-
urch office (744-3239) or Sylvia
Smith (745-4576) for pick up of
papers. Our Chi Rho youth of
Grades 6, 7, & 8 are all wanted
at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday to help
with the work and to bring all
from their own neighborhood.

ADVENTURES IN EVANGELISM

On September 22 & 23 Andrea
Benny, Susan Watson, and Harold
Cline attended as an observer
congregation a training program,
Adventures in Evangelism led by
Loyal Northcott, former head of
Disciples Evangelism. The Evan-
gelism Committee is planning a
similar event for our congrega-
tion on April 20 & 21, 1979 for
50 to 65 of our members.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

FINAL CALL for registrants for
the Regional Assembly at Bloom-
ington, on October 20-22. Fea-
tured speakers include Lloyd
Ogilvie, Dr. John Savage, and
William Hannah. Special youth
program for CYF'ers and several
of youth attending. Call the
church office now to register!
If anyone needs information-
contact the church office.

RETREAT ON AGING

Miriam Bixenman, Mary Cook and
Gladys Hoop participated in a Re-
treat led by Dr. Donald Clingan
on the aging at First Christian
Church in Kokomo this past week.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS AN EQUAL-
OPPORTUNITY - OPEN TO ALL

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - OCTOBER 3, 1978

A major segment of the meeting was the consideration of THE BETHEL SERIES - an adult Bible program as a long range learning program within our congregation. Rev. Raymond Belcher made a presentation and identified other congregations in Fort Wayne and of our denomination who are using this extensive learning of basic Biblical understandings. The program calls for three phases: 1) Two week intensive training at Madison, Wisconsin for pastor or other staff; 2) Pastor led training of teacher-leaders of local congregation during 40 weeks of each of two years with 2½ hour class sessions and 10 hours of outside preparation. 3) Congregational phase with classes in three seven week cycles for two years to cover the 40 lessons.

Action on this issue was tabled for one year with further investigation into congregations using the program and scheduling issues of our congregation. This was a joint action of Board of Trustees, Board of Elders, and Education Committee.

Personnel decisions were made: The permanent hiring of Fred Woodward as our Custodian on a 40 hour a week basis with salary and full Health care provided. Adjustment was made on the salary of our secretary, Barbara Short. Randy Ahr was approved as director of the Children's Choir for the current program year.

The resignation of Armella Newman was received with regret and Barbara Hayes was approved to fill her unexpired term as church school teacher of the Kindergarten-First Grade.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees was set for November 14 at 7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 31 ENDS BUILDING FUND

Our pledges which were received three years ago this month are completed on December 31 of this year.

The exterior and interior improvements are all done and being enjoyed regularly. We saved interest by paying our loan off early. A commitment was made that 22½% would be set aside for others. We need a minimum of \$7,500 in order to complete this promise. If we receive the full \$9,042, we can fulfill this obligation plus have extra money for the storm window bill.

Our Outreach Capital money is being used to develop a new entrance and roadway at Indian Lake Camp and Conference Grounds of our Indiana Christian Church. This will provide access for new improvements projected and will make one controlled entrance rather than two as it has been. This latter action is for control and safety factors. We have pledged this project as part of the Indiana ACTS Campaign for capital funds. We have paid \$4,000 of the \$12,000 required for this work.

TOTAL PLEDGES - \$77,240

GIVEN TO DATE - 68,198

NEEDED BY DECEMBER 13 - \$9,042

ONWARD WE MOVE TO \$129,108

Our giving has been up for two weeks and needs to continue for the next 12 Sundays as we finish 1978. We cut our budget under commitments for we ended our Stewardship efforts of last winter with expectations of \$130,391. Thus, if all will join in we CAN achieve and exceed \$129,108.

NEEDED PER WEEK \$ 2,436

GIVING - 10/8 3,021

NEEDED FOR 41 SUNDAYS 99,876

GIVING FOR 41 SUNDAYS 96,662

CURRENT SHORTAGE \$ 3,214

To catch up we now need \$2,704 for each of the next 12 Sundays.

WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR BUDGET NEED OF \$129,108 IF ALL WILL GIVE US INCOME IS RECEIVED IN THESE INFLATIONARY DAYS.

CWF PROJECTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

The CWF is sponsoring a CLOTHING DRIVE for CHURCH WORLD SERVICE during October. Good usable clothing for all temperatures is needed (exceptions are: hats, purses, and high-heeled shoes.) There is a box in Fellowship Hall marked for depositing clothing. Deadline for bringing clothing is October 22. Also needed with the clothing are donations of 15¢ per pound to help in the cost of sending the clothing to needed places.

Another project for October-November is the SELLING OF CHRISTMAS CARDS for the WOODHAVEN LEARNING CENTER. These cards and note paper are designed and produced at the Center by residents there. We will be selling the cards at no profit to us to benefit them. The designs are attractive and colorful. There will be a display during Coffee Hour this Sunday.

COFFEE HOUR TO HONOR NEWMANS

The Coffee Hour following the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour this Sunday will honor the Charlie Newman family who will be leaving our congregation shortly to move to the Chicago area. This event is being hosted by the Chancel Choir and the Martha CWF Group, Everyone is invited!

THANKS FOR HELP!

The following persons were hostesses during the Proof Showings for the Church Directory. At this point the company will mail proofs to others who have not come in--a choice will need to be made promptly and returned for inclusion in the book.

These were the hostesses: Ruby Mowery, Sandy Zimmerman, Val Taylor, Linda Johnstone, Ellyn Kreischer, Jo Flickinger, Mary Lou Hartzler, Pat Mullen, Beth Schwartz, Marilyn Byers, Gwynth Rice, Karen Flickinger, Irene Fox, LaVerne Hunt, Pauline Horn, Jenny Harter, Donna Johnson, Delores Keebortz, and Janet Weicker.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OCTOBER 15-22, 1978

Lucile Branstrator	Dorothy Murphy
Carolyn Burkett	David Pence
Mary Cook	Don Pomeroy
Barb Finkhausen	Thomas Rayl
David Hall	Jo Roseberry
Martha Hunt	Jack Skelton
Robert Johnson	Paul Ventres
Ethel Kinzie	Bill Ulrich

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

Sandra Gourdet & Sharon Watkins

ATTENTION CYF: ALL 9-12 GRADERS IN THE CYF ROOM AT 9:30 A.M. TO ELECT A PRESIDENT FOR THE GROUP.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 P.M. Chi Rho meet on Parking
Lot for Haunted Forest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. NO CHI RHO MEETING
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:15 P.M. Ethics Group
7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting
7:30 P.M. Education Committee,
and Adult Church School Teachers
Nila Schilling. 4315 Indiana

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
12:00 Noon DMA Potluck & Program
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Young Singles, Harters,
4922 Knoll Rd.

A GREAT DAY OF SINGING

Both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours Sunday will be worship built around music and singing. This service has been totally planned and prepared by Sara Davis, our Director of Music, and Jerry Zimmerman, our Organist. Several parts of the service come from the Workshop in which they participated this past summer.

The Youth Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir will be playing and singing both hours in supportive roles with the congregation. In addition to the hymns being sung, the congregation will join in two anthems with the choir.

Steve Harter and Nena Lucas will be worship leaders both hours and Gary Wade will give the Children's Sermonette for both services. The Children's Choir under the direction of Randy Ahr will be singing during the later worship hour at 10:45 A.M.

Joe Wiley will join Sara Davis for a Piano duet for the offertory.

"O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH!

SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME; TELL OF HIS SALVATION FROM DAY
TO DAY."

SERVING OCTOBER 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, K. Place-
NW, E. Brown, E. Place

10:45 A.M. S. Schell & C. Cline-SW,
B. Hendricks & W. Bowen - SE, L.
York, M. Akers, G. Falbe, C. Sch-
wartz

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson and Elinor Place

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, C. Falbe,
B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 437 Mrs. DeAnn Halbrock

LUTHERAN: 374 Mrs. Linda Johnstone

4-W Miss Kim Campbell

670 Mrs. Clara Schryver

CRITICAL IN HOME:

Mrs. Blanche Hetrick, 1315 N. Anthony

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Johnstone,
a son, Ryan McKibbin, on October 16,
1978. Maternal grandparents are Mr.
& Mrs. Terry King. Maternal great
grandmother is Mrs. Ina Smith.

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SPAM,

P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MARK PONTIUS, 2215 Dunkleburg
Rd. 19, 747-9401 came forward in
public confession of Christ as
Lord during the early Worship
hour last Sunday. He will be
baptized on Thursday evening of
this week. We rejoice in this
action on his part and pray
God's strengthening presence in
the living each day as a pilgrim
in the way of Christ.

D.M.A. - CALLING ALL RETIREES

Our regular DMA October Pitch-
in meal will be 12:00 noon next
Tuesday, October 24 in Fellow-
ship Hall. Mildred Hartman is
bringing the program for the day.
Hosting are: Arthur and Ruby
Mowery and Amelia Dare and Del-
mas Young. This is open to any
retirees, or widows or widowers,
or those over 60. Bring a cov-
ered dish and table service.
Drink and rolls are furnished.
Share in fellowship and relation-
ship with others.

CATCH UP PICTURES FOR

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Any family units who have not
been photographed for our Pic-
torial Church Directory should
go to Avalon Missionary Church
between 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. this
Sunday or between 4:00 and 8:00
P.M. on Monday, the 22nd and
23rd respectively. Be sure to
identify that you are from First
Christian on a make up for pic-
ture taking. This is the last
chance!

MAY I SHARE WITH YOU FROM A RECENT EVENT?.....

Several weeks back, THE CANTON CHRISTIAN, the weekly church paper of my home congregation as a boy and youth, announced the death of W. Raymond Ellis. This man was the Camp Manager of Erieside--the church camp which meant so much to me in my early days. I knew him well as "Pop" Ellis who was in the backdrop, but the person who made the real possibility of camp a reality year after year.

In the winter of 1951-52 when I was confined to my parents home with serious illness, he ministered to me as Associate Pastor of my home congregation. Frankly, his ministry was the most meaningful from the church level during that crucial year in my life.

W.R. Ellis never had large congregations and was not the most forceful preacher. He was a dedicated man--through Erieside he enabled many toward ministry, through pastorates he gave himself for persons and their needs--he was a kindly and dedicated man.

Against this backdrop, let me get to the point. Shortly after the announcement of Brother Ellis's death and memorial service, there was an announcement that 10% or a tithe of his will was for the congregation of which he was a member at death. I am quite sure that he was among the lesser paid pastors. He lived with frugality. I am confident that he gave with liberality during life. Yet, he was determined to express Christian stewardship at the point of his death. The amount of dollars is not my point--the point is THE COMMITMENT EXPRESSED IN A CHRISTIAN WILL.

Let me ask some questions!

Do we have a will to care for our family and their needs?

Do we have a will that reflects Christian commitment?

When our children are mature and independent, have we changed our will so that we are not adding wealth where adequacy exists?

Have we considered a definite percentage of our will for our church?

If we do not have those directly needing our will, have we considered a will in which the church is the recipient of all residue after expenses and needs?

Several years ago, our congregation worked out a policy which determines the way will bequests are handled. This full policy or summary is available for information. The Board receives quarterly reports from this account. A wide variety of undergirding of Christ and his ministry through our congregation and beyond our congregation continues because others made a COMMITMENT EXPRESSED IN A CHRISTIAN WILL.

Will you join me in writing Christian wills?

Harold E. Clunie

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Thanks to those who contributed papers last week--some were sold, but much was held back for a higher price in November. If any have papers, bring them anytime to the Fellowship Hall Stage area where they are stacked for later sale.

CHI RHO PARTY

The Chi Rho will be going to the Haunted Forest this Saturday evening, October 21. Meet on the Church Parking Lot at 6:00 P.M. Bringing \$2.00 for Haunted Forest and Pizza following the party.

There will be NO CHI RHO MEETING THIS SUNDAY evening. There WILL BE BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL.

Be sure to plan to be here on Sunday, October 29 from 3:00 P.M. on for the TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF party.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Our annual TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF party will be Sunday, October 29 from 3:00 to 5:30 P.M. Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will be going out for UNICEF accompanied by members of Chi Rho. A party planned by the Christians Under Construction Class will be held at the church following the UNICEF collection. Be sure to wear costumes!

TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

We have a strong delegation participating in the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Bloomington this Friday through Sunday. One of the highlights which has drawn added interest is the keynote speaker, Lloyd Ogilvie, from California who speaks on Friday evening and Saturday morning. We have used many of his books for study here.

Our congregationally elected voting representatives include: Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, Jack and Janet Weicker, Barbara Short and Melanie Baugher are voting representatives as Regional Board members. Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline vote as ordained pastors. Other participants include: Ruby & Carol Cline, Ralph and Judy Church, Ron Flickinger, Peg Buskirk, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Amelia Dare, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Ben & Val Taylor, Kathy Lee, and Gary York.

Eleven resolutions for consideration are on the business docket. A new Regional Minister might be announced pending a Regional Board meeting on Friday morning. Elton Trueblood is speaking for the Laity Banquet. The CYF has special programming and activity. Those going will have busy days and nights!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - OCTOBER 22-28, 1978

Bernard Ashe	Sharon Daugherty	Val Taylor	Jack Weicker
Robert Beachley	Gary Falbe	LeAnn Urich	Melvin Williamson
Jack Bickel	Don Smith	Edna Vaught	Laura York
Stephen Cobb	Patricia Sweet	Harriett Weaver	Jerry Zimmerman

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Sandra Gourdet and Sharon Watkins

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. UNICEF Party
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group, Ruby
Mowery, 6925 Premiere Dr.
9:00 A.M. Esther Group, Hor-
tense Stevenson, 5022 Gardenvue
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Young Singles, Harters'
4922 Knoll Rd.

GLOBAL CONCERNS SUNDAY

Plan now for Sunday, November 5, when DR. ROBERT S. BATES will preach both morning hours, share in a Global Concerns Dinner at 12:15 and be the chief resource person for Mission Involvement in the Inquirer's and Membership Renewal Class in the evening.

His presence comes on the climax Sunday of the celebration of the Church of Christ of Zaire's celebration of 100 years of Protestantism in their land. Our worship will coincide and highlight this celebration theme.

The Outreach and Service Committee is hosting the noon pitch-in meal. Bring covered dishes appropriate for family size and table service. Drinks, rolls, and butter will be provided.

Dr. Bates holds double position--Dean of the College of Missions of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church and also Executive Secretary of the Department of Interpretation and Personnel for the Division. He is the son of Missionaries and was born in Shanghai, China. He served the Student Christian Movement in Ceylon and India from 1957-60. He taught at Leonard Theological Seminary in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, India from 1966-1970.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE WORSHIP HOUR AND DINNER ON NOVEMBER 5!

SERVING OCTOBER 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, B. Pauley-
NW, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. D. Short & S. Hayes-
SW, R. Baugher & B. Mettler-NW,
P. Mullen, J. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson and Elinor Place

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rocky & Lee Baugher, Karen Rogers

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. D. & M. Brian, B.S.
Johnson

WILL BEQUEST RECEIVED

\$2,000 was received this past week from the estate of LeRoy Timbrook. It will undergird the purchase of new hymnals for our Worship Nave.

This determination from a former deacon of our congregation reminds us of a common opportunity to write a Christian will expressing our faith and commitment in this way.

We appreciate this gift to our church!

FUNERALS BY PASTOR

MRS. BLANCHE HETRICK, a member for the past 14 years, died on 10/18 and services were held on 10/21 at North Scipio Methodist Church. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Clarence, one of our deacons, and her daughter, Mrs. Bonita Hennessey.

MRS. CLARA SCHRYVER, a member for 17 years, died on 10/19 and graveside services were held on 10/24 at Warsaw. She had been a soloist and choir singer while able and for several years had folded and stapled the weekly bulletins. Sympathy is extended to her sons, Henry and Kurt.

MRS. MARY HILL, a friend, whose husband, Robert, died in the past year. Services were held Wednesday, the 25th.

CYF OFFICERS - Recently elected officers for our CYF are:
Co-Presidents: Anne & Kathy Lee
Vice-President: Clint Crowe
Treasurer: Dan Church

+ NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING +
+Every member of the Board of Tru- +
+stees is wanted at 7:30 P.M. on +
+Tuesday, November 14 for our regu-+
+lar meeting. This is a night fort+
+100% attendance by board members.+
+Important decisions need to be made+
+and expressed that night. Make it+
+100% on Tuesday the 14th! +
+ +

THANK YOU NOTE:

Our thanks to Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman and all our church friends for their calls, visits, and flowers during Blanche's long illness.

Clarence Hetrick & family

GLEANINGS FROM THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

23 of our members participated in our Regional Assembly in Bloomington this past weekend. The highlight of our Assembly revolved around the four outstanding speakers, Lloyd Ogilvie, Pastor of First Presbyterian in Hollywood; Dr. John Stewart, Professor of Old Testament from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University; Dr. William Hannah, Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism and Membership of the Division of Homeland Ministries of our Christian Church; and Dr. Elton Trueblood, Professor at Large at Earlham College and founder of Yokefellow Movement.

John Compton, Pastor of the United Christian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the past 32 years was announced as the new Regional Minister. During those 32 years, he served a short term on the Ohio Regional Staff, and a period on our General Staff. He comes to replace Gilford Olmsted, who resigned in the spring to go to Vine Street Church in Nashville, Tenn.

A special announcement was made Saturday evening concerning First Christian Church of Noblesville. They presented to Dr. Hannah a check for \$2,500 for 500 memberships in the National Evangelistic Association of the Christian Church. This is a kickoff for a membership drive to enlist 10,000 members by 1981 of the Association in order to highlight the crucial concern for Evangelism within the Christian Church. Our denomination only had one year of growth in the past 20. Evangelism is needed. Persons and our whole church needs awakened to the call of this task to enable persons to have the most good news and life in Jesus Christ.

Other reports from the Assembly will come from the writing of other voting representatives of our congregation. Frankly, the Assembly was a real program highlight. It was good that we were present--23 strong!

THANKS FOR WORSHIP LEADERSHIP!

Many words of appreciation have been heard from our special "Great Day of Singing" during both worship hours on Sunday. Thanks to Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman for their leadership! Thanks to Randy Ahr, Steve Harter, Nena Lucas, Gary Wade for their participation! Thanks to the Choir members of our Chancel Choir, Youth Bell Choir, and Children's Choir. Thank you for leading a worship experience praising God through song!

PUSH ON TO \$129,108!

Giving on 10/22	\$1,917.65
Needed weekly	2,436.00
Needed-43 weeks	\$104,748.00
Giving-43 weeks	100,772.97
Shortage currently	3,975.03
Budget goal - 1978	129,108.00

The call is out for those behind to catch up on commitments for 1978! The call is out for generous giving in proportion to income! The call is out to give so that we can achieve our basic needs for 1978! Our shortage of \$3,975 has caused us to be behind \$1,000 in Outreach now. Let's move to victory in 1978!

WEEKEND FOR MEN NOVEMBER 17-19

Guest leader - Everett Kussmann
of Kansas City

*Father-Son Banquet - Friday at
6:30 P.M.*

*Men's Breakfast - Saturday at
7:30 A.M.*

*Sunday Worship - 8:15 & 10:45
A.M.*

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 is the time for our collection for UNICEF (the UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND). Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to the party. They will be accompanied by members of the Chi Rho group when they go from house-to-house. We have the territory around the church building this year. Following the collection there will be a party in Fellowship Hall hosted by members of the CUC Class. Prizes will be given for the following costume categories: MOST ORIGINAL, FUNNIEST, and SCARIEST.

YOUNG SINGLES MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Young Singles group will meet in the home of Steve and Tana Harter, 4922 Knoll Rd. on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 P.M. This is a change from October 26.

LAY WITNESS MISSION

Dean and Elsie Widler are leading a Lay Witness Mission at First Baptist Church, Cumberland, Indiana, this weekend. Pray for them and this mission, in the congregation of Jon Carlstrom, the former Associate of First Baptist Church.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 5, 1978

Gene Auer	Morris Swift
Penny Beachley	Barbara Taylor
Irene Cline	Paul Truby
Ellen Crowder	Martha Warner
Joseph Overmyer	Michael Watson
Linda Peterson	Janet Weicker
Doug Rogers	John Williams
Ardith Wrisk	

Jessie Fern Woodward

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER DURING NOVEMBER:

Norwood and Wilma Tye

Norwood and Wilma Tye serve at Northern Christian College in Laoag, Northern Luzon through the Division of Overseas Ministries.

They first went to the Philippines in 1947. He has been a seminary teacher, evangelist, high school director, and has held various positions with the United Church in the Philippines.

MEMBERS MOVING AWAY

On October 15th we recognized the Charlie Newman family and Thelma Jackson who are moving to Chicago and Logansport respectively. This Sunday we will recognize our recent members, Gary and Di Wade who are moving to Danville, Indiana, where he is becoming Minister of Youth for First Christian Church. Sally Cline is also moving to Colorado this week.

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SPAM,
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT

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Church Calendar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. - Inquirer's
HELPER Workshop

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:15 P.M. Congregational Pot-Luck
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Election Day

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ruth
Ogles, 3322 Rosewood
9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Valetta
Parlette, 4006 Tacoma

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Church
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

GLOBAL CONCERNS DINNER

Bring covered dishes and table service and join in the congregational dinner this Sunday at 12:15 P.M. Drinks, rolls, and butter will be provided. This meal will provide for fellowship and growing awareness of the world mission of the church. Fellowship Hall will speak through information and decorations of our mission to share Christ to others.

The program following dinner will be rather short. It will include a sound filmstrip-"BECAUSE YOU GIVE" This shows how our giving responds to human needs in providing ministry of Witness, Nurture, and Service at home and around the world. Giving does make a difference in the lives of countless thousands of people. Dr. Robert Bates, our guest for the day, will then answer questions and concerns. Write questions and bring them from his morning sermon or standing issues about mission.

Our morning worship will focus upon the Centennial of the Protestant Church in Zaire which has 6 million members or 25% of the population. Dr. Bates will be preaching at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Hear this church leader who is the son of missionaries to China and who has spent two terms abroad. He now heads the College of Missions and the Department of Interpretation for our Division of Overseas Ministries.

Worship God in the context of His love and care for all persons everywhere!

SERVING NOVEMBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. William Love and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Rayl-SW, M. Busse-
NW, D. Allen, D. Church

10:45 A.M. S. Allen & A. Benny-SW,
J. Jump & R. Krull-NW, R. Orr, M.

Finkhousen, M. Crouse, K. Taylor
USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt

10:45 A.M. P. Akers, J. Ott, C.
Cline

SPECIAL DAY OFFERING

\$350 was sent this week for Reconciliation Programs of the Christian Church from our World Communion Sunday special offering for others. Thanks to all who shared in this over-and-above-giving!

BROADCAST DURING NOVEMBER

Our Worship will be broadcast each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30 during the month of November over WGL-1220 on the radio dial. Spread the word especially for the sick and homebound.

PASTOR LEADING HARVEST FESTIVAL

Dr. Cline will be preaching Sunday morning for the Oaktown and Carlisle Christian Churches and then also Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings. Steve Doles will be in charge of youth and music for this annual event. This is a stewardship and evangelism thrust.

HELPER CLINIC

The fall series of the Membership Renewal and Inquirer's Class will have a Workshop this Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00 P.M. in the area of witnessing. Each will bring a sack lunch for noon and drink will be furnished. Each will work on personal witness and handle holds of sharing witness with others through various techniques.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT and

VEGETABLES, JELLO, P-NUT BUTTER

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Opal Carper and her daughters, Laura York and Sharon Pauley, in the death of Mrs. Carper's brother, G. Thomas Bond, last Friday the 27th.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To William and Laura Manes, a son, Andrew on 10/24. Maternal grandfather is David Kreischer.

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

100% attendance is the goal for the Board of Trustees at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 14. Each officer, chairperson, and representative is desired to be present for an important presentation, discussion, and action on the 1979 budget.

REFLECTIONS OF VOTING REPRESENTATIVES AT REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

"The Regional Assembly (my first) was such a wonderful experience for me. Much to my surprise, it was all very exciting. I went expecting very little and was so pleased to find my ability to absorb was not nearly large enough to hold the abundance of love and understanding given forth. Both young and old did an excellent job in presenting their Christ-filled programs. The choice of speakers was so outstanding with messages filled with laughter and heart-string strumming, but all full of Jesus Christ's love. Thanks be to God for the privilege He gave me in hearing His word presented so beautifully.

The business of the Assembly was presented just as well as the word of God. Not as exciting perhaps, but just as important. It takes a good business management to carry on the work of the Lord as well as good preaching. The openness of the voting delegates on all business brought before the Assembly was a very pleasing thing to see. When one reads and re-reads a subject to be voted on, one arrives at a decision. When others speak of their decisions and how they reached it, one must re-evaluate his or her own decisions with this new light upon it. Thanks be to God for openness among loving Christians."

Andy Cook

"Much can be said of Lloyd Ogilvie's gift of understanding and presenting Biblical knowledge in a personal, tender, and joyous manner. Although Lloyd is such a dynamic speaker I remember little of his first speech, 'A New God for Old Struggles'. What I noticed first about the man, was a sense of 'being filled with Jesus Christ'. He seemed to feel everything he spoke--an authenticity which ignites. Secondly, I was much aware of his eagerness to talk with the men of the assembly.

Lloyd's second sermon, 'Can You Imagine' encouraged us to dare to imagine what we have the ability to become. He said we all have the gift of imagination and can be in the process of becoming what we dare to envision. He pointed out that many of us lead inadequate lives and many times aim at nothing and hit it. We are urged to bathe our lives in turpentine to get rid of our stunted imaginations. He urges us to rid ourselves of our "hidden agendas" and lock into a Jesus power through the Holy Spirit. In essence, the best is about to be--we need Pentecost. We need a new fire to renew our witness for Christ. We need to be painters of our own dreams and we need to have God's dreams. Many times we miss love's healing touch by saying we must not expect too much. We need to concern ourselves with the healing of persons. Lloyd spent much time Saturday morning studying the history of the Christian Church and notes these 8 points: Biblical, Christ centered, a life-changing church, educational, a life-affirming church, evangelical, miss-

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

ionary and spirit annointed.

Dr. Ogilvie was thrilled with our "affirming group from Fort Wayne." He reported that he could feel the radiance of His Spirit at work in us. We assured him we would promote his new study of I and II John which will soon be released. My only wish is that each one of you could have participated in this assembly. It was interesting, yes, but so meaningful as far as really understanding the business agenda and feeling that people were open and honest about their opinions. I must not leave out the quality of fellowship shared with those from our own church. We were a 'big family' sharing, caring and growing together!

Karen Flickinger

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Worship	277
Church School	129
Through-the-Week	60
Budget Giving	\$2,299.34
Building Fund	231.12

NEW MEMBER DURING OCTOBER:

Mark Pontius

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

We now have a total of \$3326.50 or 24.1% of our needed \$13,799.19 for our Storm Windows. The first window was installed last week and work should be completed soon. Special giving is needed NOW!

New givers since last listing are Mr. and Mrs. James Jump.

WE CAN REACH GOAL!

Budget Giving for 1978	\$129,108
Giving for 10/29	1,805
Needed Weekly	2,436
Needed for 44 weeks	107,184
Giving for 44 weeks	102,609
Current Shortage	4,575
We can give if we will give priority to God and His Work! Join with others to move to victory by December 31st!	

MEN'S WEEKEND COMING!

6:30 P.M. - Friday - November 17 - Father & Son Banquet - Everett Kussmann, guest speaker.
7:30 A.M. - Saturday - November 18 - Men's Breakfast - Everett Kussmann, leading

Everett Kussmann will be speaking Sunday morning at both worship hours.

CHILDREN COLLECT FOR UNICEF

Our children collected \$66.20 Sunday in the Halloween Trick or Treat for UNICEF. We thank the children and the neighbors and persons who gave!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER NOVEMBER 5-11, 1978

Pauline Auer	Jessie Keller
Carolyn Bernhard	Ethel Shroyer
Sally Cline	Vada Tatman
Michele Coleman	Susan Thompson
Max Finkhousen	Fred Warner
Mary Lou Hartzler	Connie Wells
James Jump	Arza Smith
Kathy Graham	Ardis Young

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN
NOVEMBER: Norwood & Wilma Tye

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:00 P.M. Chi Rho Progressive
Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,
Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Beth
Schwartz, 3805 S. Harrison

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Eunice
Conrad, 4218 Hoagland

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 P.M. Evangelism Cluster,
West Creighton

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Sunday, November 19 - Both Worship Hours
EVERETT KUSSMANN - outstanding Disciple layman and TWA Executive
speaking these four times! PLAN TO ATTEND!

JOIN IN WORSHIP SUNDAY!

Dr. Cline will be preaching on
"A PERSON FOR OTHERS" which will be
the second of a triad of sermons --
"IS GOD NUMBER ONE?" on October 29
and "THANKSGIVING-POSITIVE LIVING"
on November 26.

Jesus taught, "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with
all your mind. This is the great
and first commandment. And a sec-
ond is like it, "you shall love
your neighbor as yourself. On th-
ese two commandments depend all the
law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:
37-40)

Join the community in singing,
prayer, communion, hearing the word,
and decisions this Sunday morning
at either 8:15 A.M. or 10:45 A.M.

CHRISTIANITY IN DAILY LIFE --

MEN'S WEEKEND

6:30 P.M., Friday, November 17
Father-Son Banquet

7:30 A.M., Saturday, November 18
Men's Prayer Breakfast

20.00
28.00
48.00

15
12
27

15
6

SERVING NOVEMBER 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson - SW, M.
Hutchinson - NW, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. R. Krull & L. York -SW,
E. Conrad & M. Akers - NW, S. Schell
C. Cline, B. Hendricks, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Charles Ludwig - Eunice Conrad

Mark Snyder - Paul Yentes

Margaret Love - Andrea Benny

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson - Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Pam Bickel and Barb Hayes

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, B. Glas-
gow, M. Pauley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 630 Mr. Ed Bressler

PARKVIEW: 225 Mr. Leon Johns

CHI RHO PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP will have
a Progressive Dinner this Friday
evening, November 10. Please meet
in the church parking lot at 6:00.

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, SPAM or TREET

EVANGELISM CLUSTER

Call the Church Office NOW to
register for the Evangelism Cl-
uster Meeting at West Creighton
Christian Church at 6:30 to
9:30 P.M., Thursday, November
16.

Cost is \$3.00 per person which
includes the evening meal
and a Resource Book. The meal
is at 6:30 followed by a sound
filmstrip presentation, POLKA
DOT PEOPLE." The main evening
will be divided between groups
on "Sharing My Faith and My
Church" and a choice of one of
four MODELS of Evangelism.

The Evangelism Committee,
callers, and other interested
persons are urged to attend.
We must know number by Sunday
the 12th!

GENERAL CWF MEETING CANCELLED

The General Christian Women's
Fellowship Meeting which was
scheduled for Saturday, Novem-
ber 11 at 9:30 A.M. will not be
held. Our next general meeting
will be December 2, also a Sat-
urday at 9:30 A.M. This will
be a Christmas Creativity Work-
shop and promised to be a treat
for everyone. Watch TIDINGS
for details.

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

Recent givers to this special
project are Mr. and Mrs. William
Love and Mildred Hartman bringing
the total given to date to:

\$3,508.50.

REFLECTIONS ON REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

"It was truly a privilege to attend the 136th Christian Church Assembly in Bloomington. I was so impressed by the large number of people that chose to be there; by the dedication of so many in giving time to prepare the resolutions. I was absolutely in awe of the outstanding speakers.

I wish each of you could have sat in my chair at the Laity Dinner on Friday evening to listen to the inspired eloquent words of Dr. Elton Trueblood. He said that committed Christians have a ministry to witness to the world. Such people are few in number, but committed minorities can change the world. His kingdom cannot be promoted by our just sitting in a pew and listening. We cheat the world if we don't uncover our gifts and use them. We must discipline ourselves to be good thinkers, speakers, and writers in order to outthink the world, to penetrate society and to realize our holy calling to be Christ's ambassadors!

It was a privilege, too, on Saturday evening to hear Dr. William Hannah who serves on the General staff of the Division of Homeland Ministries and as Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism and Membership of our Brotherhood. He spoke on "The Thrust of Evangelism in the 80's" He told us that we have a decision to make regarding evangelism. We can talk it to death in conferences and debate, or we can take our mandate to the world by Christian witness.

I wish to thank the members of First Christian Church for placing their trust in me to be one of their voting representatives at the Assembly. It was a challenge and growing experience requiring study and prayer. It is an experience I would recommend to each of you.

Janet Weicker

"Much has been said about the high quality of speakers at the Regional Assembly and this certainly is true! However, much can be said for the quality of business at the Assembly too. Perhaps the tone set by the speakers enabled the quality by helping delegates be better listeners and expressers of their own opinions.

A word of explanation about why resolutions in such an Assembly. Christian Churches are congregationally governed. Regions and General manifestations of the church cannot force feelings or opinions on congregations. But the regional and general church can and does speak about issues not only to congregations but to those who would have the power to change positions or actions; i.e. government and industry.

Resolutions are sometimes controversial in nature. Three resolutions dealing with the church and homosexuality were part of the business docket. Two of the three were defeated. They were both presented by congregations. One was directly aimed at recommending to congregations that self-affirming practicing homosexuals be ineligible to serve as ordained clergy, as Elders or members of the Diaconate or ineligible to serve

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on the Regional Staff of the Christian Church in Indiana. The resolution further urged a ministry of concern to homosexual persons as well as those engaged in heterosexual outside of marriage and seek to strengthen family life. The second resolution on homosexuality was similar to the first and opposed homosexuality as a life style. Both of these resolutions were defeated. Let us say here that much of the reason these two were defeated was not that persons favored homosexuality as a lifestyle but that the resolutions were worded in such a judgemental way that persons voted to defeat them because they were convinced that the church could not be that judgemental. The third resolution on homosexuality was approved. This resolution was aimed at affirming that all persons are objects of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ and calls every congregation to strengthen its ministry to homosexual persons with a clear intent of helping them bring about change in their practices. This resolution was presented by the Official Boards of 18 congregations across the state.

Other resolutions passed included the following: a resolution urging congregations to establish and use a pastoral relations committee; the commissioning our regional minister to ask the General Administrative Committee to review and make more representative procedures for making any decision on church union with other bodies; urging the General Assembly to ask every manifestation of the church to work towards a healthy evangelistic climate; one urging churches to be more aware of and concerned about moral education in public schools; one advocating greater church participation in workshops and programs aimed at reducing child abuse; one urging companies not to do business with Amin controlled Uganda.

In addition to the homosexual resolutions that were defeated, a resolution stating that the Christian Church has strayed from its early stance of fundamentalism towards a more liberal stance and that we use measures to return to a more biblical stance in our dealings was defeated.

Perhaps, in conclusion we need to say that any resolution submitted before the deadline date by any congregation or church-related group must come before the assembly for action. None are denied a hearing. Copies of these resolutions are available for reading by any member.

Barbara Short and Miriam Bixenman

MEMBERS AND MISSIONARIES FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - NOVEMBER 12 - 18

Dorothy Baker	Pat Campbell	Anna Taylor	Violet Wuthrich
Harold Bingham	Valerie Hall	Grace Truby	Ruth Yentes
Julia Cooke	William Miller	Garth Vernor	Randall Skaggs
Jolene Dickey	Stephan Taulbee	Dean Widler	Bill Hallbrook

MISSIONARIES FOR PRAYER - Norwood & Wilma Tye in the Phillipines

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EVERETT KUSSMANN LEADING MEN'S WEEKEND

EVERETT KUSSMANN, an elder in the Grandview Christian Church and Manager of System Stores, Stockrooms, and Parts Distribution of TWA in Kansas City, will be our guest leader for men this weekend. He served on Administrative and General Boards of our denomination, was president of the National C.M.F. and initiated Sessions '76 for 1700 men at Purdue. The story of his Christian impact was featured in THE DISCIPLE in June, 1976.

FATHER-SON BANQUET - 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

\$2.50 for Ham Dinner or \$1.00 for under age 10.

--Program includes: Singing led by Mel Busse and Jerry Zimmerman; Men's Quartet of Mel Busse, Norbert Cluts, Ed Jenkins, and Doug Rogers.

Magician Show by Marv Crouse

Program for boys third grade and under during presentation by Everett Kussmann

CALL CHURCH OFFICE TO SEE IF STILL ROOM AMONG 100 PLUS MEN!

SATURDAY BREAKFAST - 7:30 A.M. NOVEMBER 18

Ham and Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Tea - Talk by Ev Kussmann and Dialogue time on Christianity among men in daily life.

SUNDAY WORSHIPS - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

-- MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M. - Janet Weicker soloist. Ev Kussmann preaching, "SEEKING"; text: John 4:5-26

-- DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. - Ev Kussmann bringing a second and different message on "SEEKING"; text: John 4:5-26
Children's Choir, Bell Choir, and Chancel Choir celebrating THANKSGIVING.

SERVING NOVEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, E. Place-
Nw, K. Place, A. Lee
10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SE, C. Sch-
wartz & P. Mullen-NW, D. Short, R.
Baugher, S. Hayes, B. Mettler

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
W. DeVinney, R. Thompson
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer - Peg Buskirk

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Anne Shirley

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Melchi
10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger, T. York

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. D. & B. Johnson
10:45 A.M. P. & J. Bickel, S.
Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 338 Mr. Fred Smell
LUTHERAN: 460 Mrs. Maude Donahue
477 Mr. Ed Bressler
ST. JOSEPH: 511 Mrs. Irene Cline
443 Mrs. Nancy Geiselman

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Kenneth
Place and family in the death of
his mother, Ruth Place, on November
9, 1978.

WEDDING CONGRATUALTIONS: William
M. Howard and Evelyn M. Gard on
November 10, 1978. They are resid-
ing in Texas this winter and will
return in the spring.

D.M.A. HOLIDAY DINNER

The known and appreciated South-
moor Singers will be the program
feature for a special Holiday-
Planned-Potluck on Tuesday, Novem-
ber 28. The Choir will be guests
for the meal. We are encouraging
special effort for this day. All
retirees, widows, widowers, or
those over 60 are invited!

HYMNAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Through the Worship and Pastoral
Relations Committee, a new Hymnal
Selection Committee has been ap-
pointed and will meet on Monday,
November 20 at 7:30 P.M. Sample
Hymnals are in the Library and re-
actions and responses to them are
requested. Other possible Hymnals
could also be suggested. Sara
Davis is chairwoman. Members in-
clude Anne Lee, Mildred Hartman,
Rolland Ripple, Janet Weicker, Joe
Wiley, Jerry Zimmerman, and Harold
Cline.

COLLEGE & CAREER PARTY

During the Thanksgiving Weekend
the College & Career group will
meet at the Harters at 7:00 P.M.
on Saturday, November 25 for food,
fun, and fellowship. Come and
bring guests!

FINAL SUNDAYS FOR RADIO BROADCAST

Our service will be aired from
10:30 to 11:30 A.M. over WFL-1220
both this Sunday and the next. We
have been notified that this pro-
gram series will not be continued
after 1978.

PANTRY GIFT: Thanks to the CWF of
North Christian for their gifts of
47 food items for the Pantry.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

First of all, I should like to express my appreciation to the congregation for giving me the opportunity to participate as a voting delegate in the 136th Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana. This experience in Bloomington, which came at a particularly bad time so far as my personal work schedule was concerned, did much to uplift my spirits and, without question, moved me to appreciate more fully the love and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I embarked with some reticence; I returned with a glow that I know will continue to warm me for months to come.

Although others who attended might not agree with me, I believe the most thoroughly enjoyable single feature of the convention for me was the Bible lesson part given by Dr. John Stewart of the Brite Seminary, TCU. John Stewart picked up on the theme of the convention, "What Does the Lord Require", and with a tremendous sense of humor and a deep commitment to God expounded on the sixth chapter of Micah, the eighth verse. Anyone who has ever felt that Christianity is supposed to be a long-faced kind of experience has simply never had the good fortune of listening to John Stewart. He was great and the memory of his phrases and his wonderful personal experiences will last me for a lifetime!!

This convention was a moving experience. I thank God for it and for the people who gathered in Bloomington a couple of weeks ago.

Jack Weicker

CALLING WOMEN: CWF MEETING & CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

Women are invited Saturday morning December 2, at 9:30 for an important short CWF business and announcement session. The bulk of the morning will be spent in the following Workshops (sign up will be in TIDINGS next week and on Sunday, November 26.) Workshops include: Quilting, Needlepoint, Reading, Macrame, Silent Meditation, Candy Making, Creative Writing, Knitting or Crocheting, and a Service Project.

CALL TO COMPLETE GIVING GOALS FOR 1978			
WE CAN MAKE IT BY DECEMBER 31	\$129,108	1975-78 BUILDING FUND	\$77,240
Giving 11/12	2,799	GIVING TO DATE	69,087
Needed weekly	2,436	Yet to go in 1978	8,153
Needed - 46 weeks	112,056		
Giving - 46 weeks	108,440	We have an obligation of \$6,296	
Current shortage	3,616	which is a most completion by	
		December 31! Special and extra	
Let's make it during the next seven		gifts are needed! Completion	
Sundays! Pray and give generously!		of pledges could do it	
		also.	

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Chi Rho

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir

6:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 A.M. Study Group

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

7:30 P.M. Hymnal Selection

Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible

7:30 P.M. Fireside Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. FCC vs. Trinity

Presbyterian (WCC gym)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, POWDERED

MILK, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL,

SPAM

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 19-25, 1978

Jan Babbs Willis Van Alstine

Jay Bixenman Mildred Walsh

Karen Buzzard Emily (Weicker)

Sally Cotton Walton

Anne Lee Jerry Warner

Sharon Miller Kenneth Wheaton

Janie Taulbee Coleen Wilcoxson

Richard Thompson Nancy Wortley

Troy Yeoman

MISSIONARIES FOR PRAYER DURING

NOVEMBER: Norwood & Wilma Tye

STORM WINDOW GIFTS

We have now received \$3,995.50 in Special over-and-above gifts for the installed and attractive storm windows. This is 28.9% of the total cost of \$13,799.19. Recent contributors include: Andrew Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Ennis Brown, Mrs. Bill Lehman, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. Peggy Buskirk, Mrs. Marilyn Brown, Miss Mildred Hutchinson.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Special Envelopes in sets and in pews can be used for the Thanksgiving Outreach Offering. 100% of this goes for Basic Mission Finance of Christian Church Outreach. The total Church School offering on this Thanksgiving Sunday is for this special day outreach offering. This is over-and-above giving beyond our budget and building fund goals to reach by December 31.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE
GAVE..."

This theme is at the center of our stewardship commitment program looking forward to 1979. Our Commitment Sunday during worship will be December 3. All subgroups of the church are asked to discuss our stewardship challenge and moving toward regular and percentage giving with Presenters enlisted from the groups.

ADVENT HIGHLIGHTS.....

Hanging of the Greens

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Dec. 3

Christmas Caroling by Buses

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Dec. 10

Christmas Cantata Vesper &

Dinner with West Creighton

4:00 & 5:00 P.M. - Dec. 17

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 P.M. College & Career at
Harters, 4922 Knoll Rd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:30 P.M. Bell Choir goes from
here to West Creighton (NO CHI
RHO TODAY)

6:00 P.M. C.Y.F.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class

7:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

7:30 P.M. Christian Education
Committee, Mrs. Bixenman's
office

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:00 Noon D.M.A. POTLUCK and
PROGRAM

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 P.M. FCC vs. North High-
lands Presbyterian (West
Creighton gym)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP
P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

Thanksgiving will be focused for a second Sunday in our Worship hours at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. The final sermon of a triad by Dr. Cline will be, "THANKSGIVING--POSITIVE LIVING."

Jesus taught, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second one is like it, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and prophets.'" (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our love for God will cause giving with thanks and generosity. The prophet of old said, "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10) Complete the holiday weekend by Thanks - GIVING!

Eucharist - the Greek word for "thanksgiving" is the oldest name for the Lord's Table. Give thanks in worship Sunday!

SERVING NOVEMBER 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, D. Kee-
bortz-NW, C. Church, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. J. Young-SW, R. Orr &
M. Finkhousen-NW, S. Allen, J. Jump,
M. Crouse, K. Taylor

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Rayl - Robert Orr

Barbara Short - Carl Schwartz

Mark Snyder - Pat Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
D. Dickey, D. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Melchi

10:45 A.M. K. Kerley & S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Hileen Klepfer & Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. B. & C. Schwartz, L.
Sauerwein, T. Smith

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 477 Mr. Ed Bressler

562 Mr. Willis Van Alstine

ST. JOSEPH: 511 Mrs. Irene Cline

PARKVIEW: 216 Mrs. Cindy Akers &
son

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To Mark and Cindy Akers, a boy,
Daniel Christopher, on November
21. Maternal grandparents are Al
and Elizabeth Pattengale.

PRE-CHRISTMAS BOOK CONSIGNMENT HAS ARRIVED. BOOKS ARE ON DISPLAY IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL. Buy now or order for Christmas giving. You will
find many excellent selections for all ages.

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

Though we borrowed \$9,000 last
week to pay the total bill, spe-
cial gifts will quicken repay-
ment and lessen interest. Spe-
cial gifts now total \$5,075.50
or 36.8% of our total bill of
\$13,799.19. New contributors
include:- Mrs. Pauline Horn, Mr.
& Mrs. Ronald Flickinger, Mrs.
Ethel Allen, Mr. & Mrs. David
Kreischer, and Mrs. Joyce Crowe.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

C.Y.F. will be at 6:00 P.M.
this Sunday in the Youth Lounge
on the theme, "SECRET OF SUCCESS
AND HAPPINESS". Come for this
important meeting.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH OFFERING

\$499.97 had been reached to
date on this special giving--can
we go over \$750.00 in this caring
for others? Give Sunday and mark
Thanksgiving Offering for use spe-
cial envelopes!

THANK YOU NOTE:

*Rychie and I want to thank Dr.
Cline and our many friends at
F.C.C. for visits, prayers, and
cards during my stay at Parkview
Hospital for surgery.*

Fred Smell

FRUIT CAKES SELLING

The Ruth Group of CWF is sel-
ling fruit cakes at \$1.50 per
cake. Call Virginia Bruckman
485-0168 if you desire one.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON NOVEMBER 14, 1978

29 of 33 members were present! - 2 sent regrets, 1 vacancy currently, 1 absent. This dedication of leadership is appreciated!

A recommendation of the Elders was approved to have Dr. Cline lead a Lab I Training in Parish Visitation Skills in late winter and spring. This is an intensive lab training to develop listening skills, to deal with criticism, to grow personally as well as to give background for calling. Dr. Cline was trained along with three others of our congregation in a Lab I in the spring of 1977. This fall he received training from Dr. John Savage to lead such experiences and also had the unique experience of helping lead a Lab I with the supervision of Dr. Savage. It is a highly structured experience of data presentation, skill development and practice, and reflection for learnings.

Dates for the Lab I will be Friday evenings and Saturdays, Feb. 2 & 3, 16 & 17 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Fridays and 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturdays and six Saturday mornings, namely, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7 from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. Cost for our people will be \$7.50 with another \$7.50 for materials coming from budget. Cost to other congregational members will be \$35 in accordance with Regional agreement.

A motion from the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee to limit Christmas Eve services was defeated and action was taken approving the following total ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sunday, December 3 - Advent Wreath - Morning Hours; 6:00 to 8:00
Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 10 - Advent Wreath - Morning Hours; Thanksgiving for
Childbirth and Dedication of Parents - 10:45 A.M.
6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Christmas Caroling in buses.

Sunday, December 17 - Advent Wreath - Morning Hours; 4:00 P.M. Christ-
mas Cantata by joint West Creighton and First
Christian Choirs in our Nave; 5:00 P.M. Early
American Christmas Dinner with meat and dressing
furnished with West Creighton in our Fellowship-
Hall.

Sunday, December 24 - Advent Wreath during Worship at 8:15 and 10:45
Church School - 9:30 A.M.; 7:00 P.M. Children
and Family Christmas Eve Worship; 11:00 P.M.
Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship

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SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD

Because of increased checking account costs, the Helping Hand Fund will not be a separate account but will be on a direct reimbursement with the treasurer.

The resignation of Diana Wortley as Deaconess was accepted with regret. A letter of appreciation from Bob and Sharon Pauley concerning the support of the congregation for Mai at Woodhaven Learning Center was read. Mai was tested far beyond expectations and will continue here in our community.

The Proposed Budget for 1979 was approved and commitments of 16 were received totalling \$25,000 which is an average of \$1,566.25 or \$30.12 per week. These included couples, retirees, singles, widows, and youth.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE . . . "

As we approach COMMITMENT SUNDAY on DECEMBER 3, the basic question of each member and friend of First Christian is "Not what is my share of the budget, but what is God's share of my income." Giving needs to be regular and proportionate along with our income. Percentage giving is the goal which best reflects the graciousness of God and the commitment on our part.

BASIC CONSIDERATION

1. INFLATION - Most incomes are raising even social security allotments and other rather steady sources. Giving needs to reflect this change and reality.
2. BUILDING FUND TRANSFER - Our Building Fund commitments for 1975 end on December 31, 1978 - Thus many can transfer regular or special giving for this cause to regular budget giving during 1979. There is a potential of \$25,000 here for the new budget.
3. BIBLICAL IMPERATIVE - Give self to the Lord and give in response - *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." "On the first day of every week, let every one lay in store as he has prospered you." "the love of Christ controls us." "We love, because He first loved us." "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.*

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR MINISTRY FOR 1979

1978 Budget

1979 Proposed Budget

\$ 47,647	PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	\$51,389
	All expenses personal & program to have two full time pastors and pulpit supply	
25,436	CHURCH STAFF	28,227
	Two full-time and 8 part time staff persons for secretarial, custodial, music, & child care	
4,500	OFFICE EXPENSES	4,950
	Postage, paper, office equipment & supplies, giving envelopes	
4,550	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	5,800
	Curriculum literature & programming for learning	
675	EVANGELISM	790
	Newspaper advertising and Evangelism lit. & program	
2,650	MEMBERSHIP	2,650
	Flowers for deaths, assembly representation, THE DISCIPLE, fellowship supplies	
1,550	WORSHIP	2,125
	Special days, music needs, communion supplies, drama	
16,300	PROPERTY	20,900
	Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance & Supplies, Storm windows, amortation at \$3,600	
4,700	LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	5,075
	Associated Churches, Campus Ministry, Helping Hand and other local outreach	
21,000	OUTREACH IN REGION, NATION, AND WORLD	34,900
	Christian Church Outreach - Capital Outreach project in Zaire - Week of Compassion, Reconciliation, and Ecumenical causes	
\$129,108	TOTAL BUDGET	\$156,806

Note: The Proposed Budget is \$6,304 less than that requested by the various committees. The increase is 21.3% which should be covered by inflationary income and transfer of building giving to regular giving.

C.W.F. MEETING AND CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY WORKSHOP

On Saturday, December 2, our women are all invited to C.W.F. for business and announcements and a closing worship concluding at 11:30 A.M. The intervening time will allow for about an hour and one half in one of eight workshops. Since some might desire to work longer on projects these are invited to bring sack lunches and remain as long as they desire in order to finish something. Coffee and Tea will be available during the morning and at noon. Child care will be available too, please indicate on sign-up form your need for this.

In order to facilitate planning for the day, please sign your intent for a Christmas Creativity Workshop. Mail or bring the form provided here to the church office, sign on Sunday, or call either Sharon Pauley, 745-0925 or the church office, 744-3239. It will help if all will sign up by Sunday, November 26. COME AND CREATIVELY MAKE A CHRISTMAS ITEM! LEARN A NEW SKILL! FIND NEW IDEAS FOR MAKING THINGS!

*****WORKSHOPS*****

QUILTING - If you are working on a project feel free to bring it or make a quilted star to use as a Christmas tree ornament. Bring a needle, thread, and scraps of material. RESOURCE PERSONS: OPAL CARPER and JO FLICKINGER.

NEEDLE POINT - Bring your own project or bring a kit for a needlepoint Christmas tree decoration. RESOURCE PERSON: KAREN FLICKINGER.

READING - The Library will be open for those who want to read. PAT MULLIN will be glad to help you become acquainted with the rich resources of this beautiful room.

MACRAME - Bring your own project or a small amount of money to pay for materials to make a macrame wreath. RESOURCE PERSON: PAULINE HORN.

SILENT MEDITATION - Prayer is certainly a most creative and recreative activity. The chapel will be prepared for any person wishing to spend time there.

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C.W.F. CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS (continued from page 6)

BAKING - Be prepared to chip in a small amount to pay for supplies and have fun cooking with MIRIAM BIXENMAN.

CREATIVE WRITING - EUNICE CONRAD will provide help. What would you like help in writing?

CO-CREATING WITH GOD THE PERSON YOU ARE BECOMING - For better and/or worse each of us is working with God today to make the person we will be tomorrow. This workshop will mostly consist of personal sharing and interaction. RESOURCE PERSONS: RUBY CLINE and SHARON PAULEY.

KNITTING OR CROCHETING - Crocheted candy canes and wreaths and knitted bells will be made by this group. These are easy to make, but it won't be possible to teach persons to knit or crochet in the time available. To make the candy canes and wreaths you will need a size 1 or 2 crochet hook and small amounts of red, white or green knitting worsted. To make the bells you will need size 2 or 3 needles and knitting worsted. RESOURCE PERSONS: ANN ELLEN SAMPSON and MARGARET LOVE.

SERVICE PROJECT - We need heavy plastic spoons to send to Marope Madukanele from everyone. Persons signing up for this workshop will help EDNA NORDBLOM, our CWF Service Chairwoman, to pack and mail the spoons to Marope.

SIGN-UP FORM -- CWF CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY WORKSHOP -- DECEMBER 2

NAME _____

WORKSHOP CHOICE (1st) _____

(2nd) _____

WILL NEED CHILD CARE: _____

(PLEASE COMPLETE, MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE OR BRING TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 26)

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Interested older youth or men are invited to join our team NOW-- you must start by November 29 -- call Jim Stucky - 447-3826, or Steve Harter - 747-4328.

Current members include Michael Callahan, Jim Stucky, Dan Church, Larry Busse, Gary Falbe, Ron Flickinger, Mel Busse, Steve Harter. All games are in the gym at West Creighton Christian.

D.M.A. HOLIDAY DINNER

Plan now for the Potluck Dinner on Tuesday, November 28 at 12:00 noon. The SOUTHMOOR SINGERS are joining our group for the dinner and will present a musical program. Come and bring guests for this special day. All retirees, widows, widowers, or those over 60 are invited! DO COME!

YOUNG SINGLES PARTY

This Saturday night the College and Career group are gathering at the Harters - 4922 Knoll Rd. for Food, Fun and Fellowship - Saturday the 25th! A special welcome mat out to college youth home for the weekend.

DEAR FRIENDS:

I am going to move to Miami, Florida the 5th of December. I have sold my place here and bought a 2-bedroom trailer. It is going to be hard to leave after living here 56 years but know it is best for me. My daughter will only be less than a block from me as the girls want to be close to me.

I want to thank you all for being my friend when I needed one.

The Lord has been good to me

CALL FOR REGULAR GIVING

Reaching our Budget goal of \$129,108 is not just to have a good feeling - NEEDS are present. We have a bill due by the end of November for a roofing contract of \$2,330 plus an added \$1,011.12 for additional work completed.-- A total of \$3,341.12 is due in the next week. This is above weekly expenses!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Helen Steigerwald in the death of her sister, Thelma Sarrazin last week.

To Don Pomeroy and family in the death of his mother, Edith Pomeroy in Muncie.

To Troy Yeoman, in the death of his mother, Wavie Yeoman on November 12.

To Joe Wiley, in the death of his great grandmother.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

November 26 to December 2

Thomas Banet	Bueford Tharp
Kathryn Bixenman	Phyllis Tobias
Robert Clausen	Ingrid von Buchler
Dan Dickey	Josephine Weyer
Helen Foltz	Jack Williams
Mark Pontius	Jefferson Young
Nila Schilling	Robert Young
Sarah Smith	
Ben Taylor	

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER:

Norwood & Wilma Tye

and has answered my prayers.

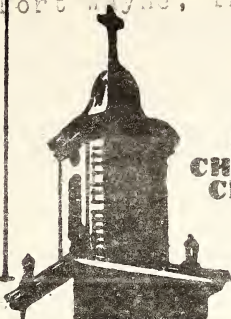
May God bless all of you.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 P.M. Come Double Class
Party, 4430 Wilmette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 A.M. CWF Meeting & Christ-
mas Creativity Workshop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
6:00 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Sarah
Smith, 3927 Meda Pass
9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 P.M. F.C.C. vs. 1st Assem-
bly of God (W.C.C. gym)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group, Richard's
Resturant, Paulding & Hanna (\$1
gift exchange)
10:30 A.M. Esther Group, Rychie
Smell, 4126 Roxton
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COMMITMENT SUNDAY --

DECEMBER 3

"God so loved the world that he
gave . . . " (John 3:16)

"We love because he first loved
us." (I John 4:19)

"Let us not love in word or speech,
but in deed and in truth."
(I John 3:18)

"The love of Christ controls us.."
that we might "no longer live for
ourselves but for him..."
II Corinthians 5:14,15

"The point is this: he who sows
sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will
also reap bountifully. Each one
must do as he has made up his mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you
with every blessing in abundance,
so that you may always have enough
of everything and may provide in
abundance for every good work."

II Corinthians 9:6-8

SERVING DECEMBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and
Merle Grimm
10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and
Steve Harter

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, S. Thompson-NW, S. Rayl, M. Busse
10:45 A.M. S. Schell & B. Hendricks-SW, C. Cline & W. Bowen-NW, A. Benny, R. Krull, G. Davis, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, G. Shirley, M. Tobias

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz - Sue Allen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Stewardship-Finance Committee

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith
10:45 A.M. K. Kerley, S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. E. Widler
10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Stucky, K. Shipley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M-105 Mr. Arthur Mowery
765 - Mrs. Helen Schwartz (mother
of Carl Schwartz

ST. JOSEPH: 321 - Mrs. Emma Schell

ELDER EMERITUS MOVED

Charles Fuchshuber is now at the Parnell Park Nursing Home at 3811 Parnell.

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP,
CEREAL, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BUILDING FUND TO WIRE!

Our 1975 commitments for our Building Fund totaled \$77,240. We now stand at \$69,543.79. We did our basic remodeling and improvements right away and borrowed to complete them before inflation increased costs. Our 22.5% for Capital Outreach was deferred to save interest costs.

Our integrity demands that we complete \$5,850 more in Capital Outreach to maintain the promise of that amount set aside for others in the program. THIS IS A MUST BY DECEMBER 31!

We invite all to complete pledges. We invite persons to make over-and-above gifts! We invite newcomers to make a special gift now! Our capital outreach money is being used for a directed project at Indian Lake Conference grounds of our Indiana Disciple churches.

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

\$5,230.50 or 37.9% of the contract price has been received. New contributors include: Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jenkins, and Anonymous. These are over-and-above gifts.

THANK YOU

My thanks to Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman and all who visited me in the hospital. Also my thanks to those who sent cards, flowers, and visited me in my home.

Maude Donahue

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ALL MONTH

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIPS - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Our Advent Wreath Candle Lighting will begin on the 3rd. Christmas Music will be highlighted during worship throughout the month. The focus of our worship will be the Advent and Christmas Celebration. Plan now to worship on all five Sunday mornings of December! Each service will have a radically different format for worship to give different options as well as times.

DECEMBER 3 - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - HANGING OF GREENS

All Church School classes from young to old are invited to help bring the festive season through decorations throughout our building from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. All will join in Fellowship Hall for refreshments from 7:00 to 7:30. Our evening will be climaxed with a concert by the Fort Wayne Bible College Chorale from 7:30 to 8:00 P.M. Randy Ahr is a member of this singing group.

DECEMBER 10 - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Again we will travel among our special care homes and special centers by chartered bus. Come and sing Christmas carols in a warm atmosphere of fellowship and relationship. This is a whole family affair! Refreshments will greet us in Fellowship Hall at our return at 8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 17 - 4:00 P.M. - EARLY AMERICAN CHRISTMAS VESPER WORSHIP

The joint choirs of West Creighton Christian and First Christian will join together for this celebration of Christmas through music in our Worship Nave. Come and bring guests and friends and neighbors for this highlight.

DECEMBER 17 - 5:00 P.M. - AMERICAN CHRISTMAS FEAST

West Creighton Christian is joining us in Fellowship Hall for this meal. Turkey will be furnished - the rest of the meal is carry-in. Program highlights will complete this special joint experience of celebration.

DECEMBER 24 - 7:00 P.M. FAMILY & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE

This service has developed a special support among our families with children. It is a service designed for children and lasts about 45 minutes. Christmas Worship is made a starting point for Christmas in our homes with children.

DECEMBER 24 - 11:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHTING CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Christmas Day begins as this worship is completed in the brilliance of candles held high and all singing praise together! Christmas is at a peak of sensitivity and experience in this worship hour!

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE (ALSO HATS)

Our Church School will sponsor a Sock and Mitten Tree. The tree will be placed in Fellowship Hall ready for gifts to be placed on it on Sundays, December 3, 10, & 17. The idea is that boys and girls each bring a pair of socks or mittens in their own size and place them on the tree. Knitted caps are also desirable, and gifts from youth and adults are most welcome. On Monday, December 18, these gifts will be taken to the Martin Luther King Center.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH FRIENDS

Our World Outreach Committee is urging our members and friends to send one card to the church for all church friends. Cards should include a gift of money saved from not buying cards and stamps for cards sent to those among our church family. Money received will be divided equally between the Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Children's Home. This will be an over-and-above gift. The Worship Committee has devised a new way of displaying the cards in the Narthex so that they will be more easily read. Names of those sending cards will be published weekly in TIDINGS so that all will know that they have, in fact, received greetings from church friends.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DECEMBER 3-9, 1978

Michael Cole	Mildred Hutchinson
Robert Corkwell	Rosalie Jenkins
Gerald Elser, Sr.	Ellyn Kreischer
Sally Feasby	Margaret Love
Deborah Fishering	Stephanie Mollen-
Jeff Heiney	hour
Joyce Howell	Rebecca Morris
Glen Hunt	Jeff Olson

Laura Sauerwein

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR INTERCESSORY

PRAYER DURING DECEMBER:

John & Billie Walker in Osaka City,
Japan

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	265
Church School	127
Through-the-Week	54
Budget Giving	\$2,469.07
Building Fund	252.14

WE CAN -- IF WE WILL -- 1978
GOAL NEEDED \$129,108

(Need is underlined right now with a roofing bill of \$3,341 dur this week for repairs and an annual insurance bill of \$2,000 due December 20. - These are extras right now!)

GIVING 11/26	\$1,654
NEEDED WEEKLY	2,436
Needed 48 weeks	116,928
Actual 48 weeks	112,560
Current shortage	4,368

Remember: Our pledges exceeded our budget goal for the year. We can make our goal if all will give as they can. Special and extra gifts will give the December lift over the top!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
"Thanksgiving for Childbirth
and Dedication of Parents"

5:00 P.M. Bell Choir
6:00 P.M. Christmas Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:15 P.M. Ethics Class
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
6:30 P.M. Martha Group, Ramona
Ketner, 5232 Sherrill

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. Heart of the Bible
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Ruby
Cline, 5705 Fernwood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:00 Noon Mary Group, Miriam
Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
8:00 P.M. FCC vs. WCC (WCC
gym)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: OATS, DRY CEREAL
CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK,
P-NUT BUTTER

"TO WORSHIP IS

*To quicken the conscience by
the holiness of God,
To feed the mind with the
truth of God,
To purge the imagination by
the beauty of God,
To open the heart to the love
of God,
To devote the will to the pur-
pose of God."*

Surely the Advent and Christmas Season calls forth worship even as it did to the Shepherds and Wise Men of old. God's gift to us in the Christ child surely calls forth the expression of our gratitude and honor by our worship on all four Sundays of Advent and the two Christmas celebrations on Christmas Eve night and December 31.

Our Sunday hours are being sharpened in distinction. Not only will the early service at 8:15 emphasize silence and more Gospel songs, but it will be based on the pattern of Isaiah 6:1-8. Our Divine Worship will be based on the pattern of Acts 2:42-47. This Sunday at 10:45 we will have the Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents for a large number.

**SERVING DECEMBER 10
ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and
William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, A. Lee-
NW, M. Hutchinson, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. L. York & G. Falbe-
SW, M. Akers & C. Schwartz-NW, D.
Short, P. Mullen, R. Baugher

HOMEBOUNDED COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. Fred Smell-Schellie
Schell; Merle Grimm - Dan
Church; Joe Wiley - Elinor
Place

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sandy Zimmerman, Don & Valetta
Parlette

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith

10:45 A.M. K. Kerley & S. Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, C. Falbe,

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-111 Mr. Arthur Mowery
765 - Mrs. Hazel Schwartz - moth-
er of Carl Schwartz

UNICEF GIVING

Recently we sent from our Child-
ren's Halloween Trick or Treating
\$171.20. Thanks to our youth and
all contributors.

FAMILY RESPONDS TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. BILL JOHNSON, &
SONS, 10102 Circlewood Drive 04,
432-7087 identified with us in
transfer of membership from the
Wabash Christian Church.

BILL works with Alcan Metals
here. He and GINNY met at Terre
Haute where he attended Rose
Poly and she Indiana State.
GINNY is a vocal music teacher.
BILL, JR. is a freshman at Rose
Hulman in Terre Haute, JEFF is a
junior at Homestead, and SCOTT
is a 7th grader.

We welcome this family into
our fellowship!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pam Bickel
Robert Baron
Robert Finkhausen
Klark Kerley
James Clausen
Tom Ogles
Mai Pauley
Linda Peterson
Raymond Russell
Lila Russell
Virginia Stouffer
Charles Speicher
Natalie Ulrich
Monty Tobias
Stacia Ogles

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

John & Billie Walker (Japan)

BUILDING FUND NEEDS:

We need a minimum of \$5,446.06
to reach our obligations fully
as this ends on December 31.
Let's make this a victory along
with our regular giving!

ADVENT EVENTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!

DECEMBER 10, CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday evening, December 10 we will leave our parking lot at 6:00 P. M. aboard two chartered PTC buses for our annual Christmas Caroling tours. One bus usually visits persons on the north side of Fort Wayne while the second bus visits our south-side special care and homebound. Following our stops we will return to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship. This is a total family activity--every age is welcome. Please call the church office to indicate the number from your family planning to participate--we need to fill two buses so all of our calls can be made.

DECEMBER 17, 1978 AMERICAN CHRISTMAS VESPER WORSHIP

On Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 4:00 P.M. the choirs of First Christian Church and West Creighton Christian Church will participate in a Christmas Story from two American settings featuring the anthems of William Billings and Alfred Burt. The first half of the Vesper Service will be anthems by William Billings, arranged in cantata form by Leonard Van Camp. Billings lived during the 18th century and in his music we have the beginnings of native American church music. Three of Alfred Burt's carols will make up the second half of the Vesper service. Unlike Billings, Burt's carols were published in 1957. The variety of the music will be a beautiful experience for all - choirs and congregation alike. In addition to our choir, Sara Davis, our Chancel Choir Director, Jerry Zimmerman, our Organist, and our Senior Pastor, Harold Cline will participate in this Vesper as leaders. They will be joined by the Angelos Choir of West Creighton Christian and its director, Mrs. Helen Donnell, organist - Phil Zimmerman and pastor, Rev. Don McCord.

DECEMBER 17, 1978 AMERICAN CHRISTMAS FEAST

Following the Christmas Vesper Worship both congregations will join in a Christmas Feast at 5:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. The meal will be carry-in except for the turkey which will be furnished. Following the meal a program will be presented featuring carol singing, the playing by the joint Handbell choirs of First Christian and West Creighton and a visit from a "Special Guest". WE NEED RESERVATIONS FOR THIS DINNER so that adequate meat may be prepared. Call the church office with the number from your family who will be joining us that evening!

DISCIPLE RESPONSE TO GUYANA TRAGEDY.

(THE FOLLOWING IS A NEWS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) dated NOVEMBER 22, 1978)

The Guyana mass murder-suicide tragedy involving a minister and congregation related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may force the Disciples to consider a procedure for disavowing a congregation.

Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, general minister and president of the church, has indicated he will ask the church's deliberative bodies to weigh the question.

The Disciples' Design for the Christian Church, the document under which the church operates, describes procedures only for congregations withdrawing at their own initiative.

The People's Temple of Redwood Valley, California, has been listed as a congregation of the Disciples of Christ since 1960, when the congregation was located in Indianapolis.

Pastor Jim Jones had been ordained in Indianapolis in 1964. His ministerial standing was under review by the Northern California-Nevada region when the bizarre killings took place at the Guyana agricultural colony founded by Jones.

Following the killing of a congressman and some newsmen who were in Guyana to investigate reports of mistreatment of People's Temple members there, Jones, his wife and more than 900 members of the church died, apparently in a suicide pact.

Disciple leaders in Indianapolis quickly assured church members in response to a flood of telephoned questions:

- People's Temple received no outreach money of the denomination and its Guyana colony was totally unrelated to the overseas ministries of the Disciples.
- People's Temple was totally unrelated to the historic home mission center, All People's, in Los Angeles, with the similarity of names only coincidence.
- The ministerial standing of Pastor Jim Jones had been under review by the Northern California-Nevada region of the church but had not been completed because of the necessity of confronting Jones and he had remained out of the country.
- The Disciples of Christ have no procedure for judging a congregation unfit and removing it from the denominational year book.

It was the latter that brought Dr. Teegarden to the decision to have the representative bodies of the church consider whether such a procedure is warranted.

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It would be a major step for the Christian Church because of strong feelings against judgment of one group of Christians by others, part of a denominational heritage of freedom of opinion and practice.

Dr. Teegarden issued the following statement:

"The horrible sequence of events in Guyana is all the more shocking to us in view of the involvement of a minister and California congregation related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are deeply anguished by this mammoth tragedy and express sympathy to the families in the United States that lost loved ones. We also express a sincere pastoral concern for the innocent persons of People's Temple in California who may have been victimized in their religious zeal.

"The congregational autonomy of a denomination such as ours, and the resultant tenuous relationships with many local churches, of which we have 4,416, left us with a bare knowledge that People's Temple of Redwood Valley, California, had a Guyana colony and no appreciation of a fanaticism that could have led to the human destruction that took place.

"Under our church policy, it is neither possible, nor has it been desirable, to conduct investigations of the activities of ministries of local congregations. We have stood firmly for a variety of styles and approaches to Christian mission and ministry. However, because of this awesome tragedy, we will initiate, at the earliest possible moment, a proposal to determine whether this denomination, which has prided itself on an openness to congregations as well as individuals, wants to develop a procedure, which it does not now have, for removing congregations from fellowship."

When James W. Jones affiliated with the Disciples and during his ministry in Indianapolis there was no forewarning of what was to come. His early ministry was considered something of a model for inner city work, with strong interracial aspects and community service to the poor.

He was graduated from Butler University in 1961, an institution founded by and still related to the Disciples, but he attended no Disciple seminary. He was ordained in June of 1964 by Broadway Christian Center, a Disciples social service project in Indianapolis.

Though People's Temple did not receive any denominational money, it did contribute to the church's outreach, though not nearly as much as some press reports.

The most recent Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church showed \$900 given to the Disciples by People's Temple in 1977. That was
(continued on the next page)

STATEMENT ON DISCIPLE TRAGEDY IN GUYANA (from pages 4 & 5)

a figure from Church Finance Council records.

The last report to the Year Book and Directory of the church filed by the People's Temple was received July 25, 1977. It listed \$100,000 given to interdenominational causes and community action projects in the most recent year and claimed credit for them, but did not specify the causes served.

GENERAL EDUCARE III

The Christian Church in Indiana cordially invites you to an Educational Banquet featuring nutritious workshops elegantly served by General Educare III at French Lick, January 12-14, 1979. The objective is to provide training opportunities for those involved in the educational ministry in the local church.

Leadership is of the highest quality.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- * TEACHER/LEADER DEVELOPMENT, Loma Mae Chalfont, leader
 - * INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING CENTERS, Juanita Roberts, leader
 - * THE ROLE OF THE CHILD IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH, John Hinant, leader
 - * DE-MYTHOLOGIZING YOUTH MINISTRY, Jim Powell & Carol Cline, leaders
 - * FAMILIA MINISTRY, Frank & Lorraine Pitman, leaders
 - * THE BIBLE IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE, James Blair Miller & Calvin Porter, leaders
 - * EVALUATION, Terry Ewing, leader
 - * PERSONAL SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT, Peter Morgan, leader
 - * MINISTRY WITH PRESCHOOL CHILDREN, Leader to be announced
 - * SINGLE IN THE FAMILY OF GOD, Sally Smith, leader
- (continued next column)

EDUCARE (from column one)

* MISSION - DOING THE WORD,

Leader to be announced

* MANAGING CONFLICT CONSTRUCTIVELY, John Wolfersberger, leader.

Total cost of the workshop is \$70.00 of which the church will pay half. Registration must be in to Miriam Bixenman by December 17.

THE CHOIR NEEDS OUR HELP!

The Chancel Choir is needing help in providing costumes for their Christmas Vesper Worship. Needed (to borrow for that night) are:

- long dark skirts for women
- long sleeved white shirts for men
- dark shawls for women

If you are able to loan any of the above items, please contact Sara Davis.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

The sock and mitten tree is up in Fellowship Hall and ready to be decorated with socks, mittens, and hats for the Martin Luther King Center. Children and youth and adults are urged to decorate the tree this Sunday and next for this project.

PRAISE GOD FOR GENEROUS GIVING!

We can meet our budget goal by December 31 if all will be faithful and complete a good work now begun. We are not behind on a weekly basis now but ahead by \$865.09 because of our outpouring of \$7,659.03 in giving!

BUDGET GOAL FOR 1978	\$129,108
GIVING 12/3	7,659
NEEDED WEEKLY	2,436
NEEDED 49 WEEKS	119,364
GIVING FOR 49 WEEKS	120,229

Let's keep up the momentum and go over our \$129,108!

and 3. Mary Lou Hartzler was General Chairwoman. Bob & Loretta Orr served as co-chairmen. The committee consisted of Roland & Genevieve Ripple, Eileen Klepfer, Max & Lois Finkhausen, Sue & Ed Allen. In addition to **these** we appreciate the work of Ralph & Judy Church, and Bill & Nila Schilling in helping the Orr's prepare the wreaths. Also a large thanks to all children's teachers who helped the children decorate classrooms. Last but not least, thanks to all who came and worked to make our building so lovely! What a beautiful way to begin Advent!

CHRISTMAS CARD OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL!

We are carrying on a tradition of some years standing this year with the opportunity to send one Christmas Card to your church friends and aid the work of two of our benevolent homes at the same time.

Here's how it works! Sit down and decide how much money you would spend in buying and sending Christmas greetings to your friends in the church. Send one card with that amount of money in it to the church. Your name will be printed in TIDINGS and your card displayed in the Narthex for all to see and read.

The donation that you send will be divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home in Cleveland as an over-and-above Christmas gift from our congregation.

WE SHOW OUR APPRECIATION:

"I want to thank Pat Mullen, Ruby Cline, Joe Flickinger, Opal Carper, Mary Ellen Sauer, Margaret Love, Karen Flickinger, Laura York, Pauline Horn, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, and Marge Lehman and all the participants who enriched the CWF Creativity Workshop with their labor and presence.

"My Saturday afternoon 'Project' went very well. God's work of recreation still continues"

Sharon Pauley

ED. NOTE: Our appreciation goes to Sharon Pauley who was general chairwoman for this event. Good work!

OUR THANKS TO THE HANGING OF THE GREENS COMMITTEE!

Many thanks to the Hanging of the Greens committee who had major responsibility for the organizing of the decorating of our building on Saturday and Sunday, December 2

(continued next column)

COMMITMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED NOW!

The Saturday night ice storm prevented many from worship on Sunday. We need the Pink Commitment forms returned as soon as possible. We rejoice that many are taking seriously the challenge to combine building fund and regular giving since the former ended. Others are increasing with income. Most of all, it is desired that the love of God become real and concrete through dedicated giving for his work through the church.

Here is where we stood on Sunday evening, December 3:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

29 of 30 - Increased over 1978 by 25.9% \$ 34,438.00

BOARD OF ELDERS

10 of 14 - Increased over 1978 by 31.3% 10,096.40

BOARD OF DIACONATE

17 of 26 - Increased over 1978 by 13% 7,750.00

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS PLEDGING IN 1978

42 of 134 - Increase over 1978 by 8.4% 24,703.00

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS - NEW PLEDGES

12 to date 3,328.00

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

6 to date 1,376.00

INCOME OTHER THAN PLEDGES

Loose offering, Church School, Interest,
Building usage, endowment

5,000.00

\$ 95,177.40

We now stand at 60.7% of our very much needed Budget goal of \$156,806. Thus we need to hear from so many of our congregation yet so that this can be achieved. Please express your intention so that we can plan for the new year! Mail or bring your Commitment form to the church NOW.

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CALL FOR CAROLERS.....

Young and old - large families - families of one: ALL are invited to meet promptly this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. to go caroling on our members and friends of special concern and to some Nursing Homes & Care centers. We will return for hot drinks and doughnuts at 8:00 P.M. Ken and Elinor Place have volunteered to host this fellowship time. We will travel in two chartered buses!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 P.M. Staff Christmas Dinner,
Clines, 5705 Fernwood

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Christmas Vesper Wor-
ship

5:00 P.M. American Christmas
Feast

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Caller Visiting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral
Relations Committee

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER,
POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, TUNA,
CANNED FRUIT, SPAM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - WORSHIPS

Sermon: "REJOICE ALWAYS" -
Barbara Busse, flutist -- Chancel
Choir and Children's Choir both at
10:45. Join the 381 who worshipped
last Sunday!

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes for all ages and groups.

4:00 P.M. AMERICAN CHRISTMAS VES-
PER WORSHIP

Christmas Story through two Amer-
ican settings led by Chancel Choir
of FCC and Angelos Choir of West
Creighton Christian. Come and
bring guests and friends!

DIRECTORS: Helen Donnell & Sara
Davis

ORGANISTS: Phil & Jerry Zimmerman

PASTORS: Don McCord & Harold Cline

5:00 P.M. AMERICAN CHRISTMAS FEAST
Turkey, dressing, drinks, rolls, and table service furnished. Bring
carry-in typical of early American dinners. Dinner program includes
carol singing, joint handbell choirs of West Creighton and First Chris-
tian, a visit from a Special Guest. Call the Church Office if reserva-
tions are not made for dinner!

CELEBRATE WITH JOY THE ADVENT OF CHRIST!

SERVING DECEMBER 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and
Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, C. Church-
NW, E. Place, B. Pauley
10:45 A.M. S. Hayes & S. Allen-SW,
B. Mettler & J. Jump-NW, M. Akers,
R. Orr, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
W. DeVinney, R. Thompson
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, D. Rogers, S. Grimm

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith
10:45 A.M. K. Kerley, S. Johnson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ron & Karen Flickinger, Dan & Jo
Flickinger

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling
10:45 A.M. D. & M. Brian, B.
Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M111 Mr. Arthur Mowery
765 Mrs. Hazel Schwartz (mother
of Carl Schwartz)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Almeda Rice and family in the
death of her sister, Julia Williams
on 12/7.

To George Bruckman and family in
the tragic death of his 17 year old
nephew.

To Ruby Mowery and family in the
death of an aunt who had been quite
close.

THREE RESPOND TO INVITATION:

MRS. OPAL CARPER, 535 High St.,
08, 435-6684, identified with us
in a transfer of membership from
First Baptist Church. She joins
her two daughters within our ch-
urch family, Sharon Pauley and
Laura York, and their families.
Mrs. Carper is employed at Mech-
anics Laundry and has had a
growing involvement among us
since working on the quilt for
the bazaar.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM HOWARD,
JR., 7418 Rose Ann Parkway, 04,
432-3435, identified with us.
Bill is employed with Davenport
Insurance Agency and comes in a
transfer from Ossian Presbyter-
ian Church. Diane is an employ-
ee for Fort Wayne Community Sch-
ools teaching at Hoagland Elem-
entary until the birth of Kris-
tie Marie in July. She comes
from the Grover Hill Church of
Christ near Van Wert, Ohio.

We rejoice in these decisions
and hope and pray for others
weekly!

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

Couples in low or mid 20's
have Church School in East Par-
lor at 9:30 A.M. - new interest
and group in progress. Come!
on the 17th, Chapter 8 of THE
TASTE OF NEW WINE.

THANK YOU NOTE:

I want to thank Rev. Cline,
Mrs. Bixenman, and the two lad-
ies that checked for Nursing
Home care for me.

Lucille B. Shindollar

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - DECEMBER 5, 1978

NEW HYMNALS:

The Board approved the purchase of HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH as a new hymnal to be purchased with Memorial Funds. This is a very "Singable" Hymnal with a good selection of hymns, gospel songs, and newer music. 24 of the 25 top favorites rated by our congregation last summer are included.

One or more books may be purchased in memory of someone at the cost of \$5 per book. The money and correct listing of the memorial gift will be received from now through January 15. Books will have a Memorial listing inside the cover.

Books may also be ordered without church imprint for home usage at \$5 per book. Likewise, this is to be done with money paid by January 15.

YEAR END FINANCIAL FACILITATING PRIORITIES:

A motion was made to use our money at the end of the year with these priorities: 1. Payment of all bills in budget both current and outreach; 2. Payment in full of Capital Outreach Share of Building Fund; 3. Fulfillment of asking budget request on staff salaries; and 4. Any balance applied to Storm Window fund.

A second motion clarified giving for these special intents. Any giving marked for 1979 will be deposited as received, but not counted as income until January 7, 1979. Any giving clearly marked for 1978 will be recorded as 1979 income until noon on January 5, 1979.

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

A motion carried upon recommendation of the Evangelism Committee to enlist greeters before each worship hour. A motion was also carried for an effort early in 1979 to emphasize evangelism in our denomination through memberships in the National Evangelistic Association.

The next meeting is January 9, 1979.

THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING -

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY REPORT. . .

KEEP IT COMING.

BUDGET - MISSION & MINISTRY

Giving 12/10	\$ 4,218.97
GOAL FOR 1978	129,108.00
Received to date	124,373.80
NEEDED BY 12/31	4,734.20

The Regional Assembly was a great experience for me. It was the first I'd ever attended. I had the chance to talk and share with friends from camp and the opportunity to meet new friends.

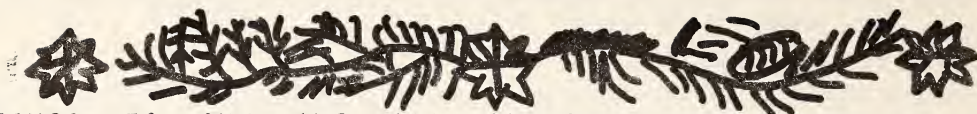
I felt very lucky to have the chance to hear such fantastic speakers as Lloyd Ogilvie & John Stewart. They were very clear and easy to understand. I gained many insights from hearing these two speak.

There were special activities for youth and they also participated fully in the Assembly.

BUILDING FUND

Giving 12/10	621.20
THREE YEAR PLEDGES	77,240.40
Received to date	70,557.89
NEEDED BY 12/31	6,682.51

Dan Church



GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....
The persons listed below have contributed towards the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily Flinn Home for children and aged respectively in lieu of separate Christmas cards. Thus they express to one and all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with God's love and blessing.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Fox

Mrs. J.R. Hoop

Miriam Bixenman

Mary Cook

Sam & Barb, Amy & Adam Hayes

The Branstrators

Mr. & Mrs. Homer Stevenson

Ethel Allen

Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman

Kenneth & Beulah Timmons

Geneva Ferguson

Carole Overmyer

Mary Wagner

Margaret & Bill Love

Harold, Ramona, Dawn & Kevin Ketner

Fern Strole

Ethel M. Birkhold

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Linn

Maude Donahue

The Henry Schroeders

Gwynth Rice

Walter Bowen

Don, Barbara, & Ryan Short

Vada Tatman

Earl & Reba Fusselman

Henry & Ethel Flowers

Jack & Helen Williams

Mike, Pat, Sara, Steven &

Harold, Ruby, Sally, Chad & Carol

Mary Jo Mullin

Cline

Others desiring to share a Church Christmas Greeting to all are invited to send or bring a Christmas Card with a donation for the Homes. Cards are posted in the Narthex.

COMMITMENTS FOR 1979 NEEDED NOW!

Bring or mail giving intentions on the pink slips to the church NOW! We have heard from 180 giving units and have 74.5% of our Budget goal. Since we average about 325 giving units per year, we need to hear from so many more of you. We could push over our goal of \$156,806 if all will let the church hear from you. Mail or bring forms NOW!

HERE IS WHERE WE ARE ON DECEMBER 11:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 30 of 30 - Increase over 1978 by 24.1% \$ 43,704.00

BOARD OF ELDERS - 11 of 14 - Increase over 1978 by 29.4% 10,824.40

BOARD OF DIACONATE - 20 of 26 - Increase over 1978 by 7.3% 9,102.00

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS PLEDGING IN 1978 -

86 of 134 - Increase over 1978 by 11.9% 42,430.00

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS - New Pledges -26 to date 3,721.00

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION - 7 to date 1,976.00

INCOME OTHER THAN PLEDGES - Loose offering, church school, 5,000.00

building usage, interest

\$116,757.40

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Come and bring house guests and friends!

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. Cline - Ron Connerly assisting - solo by Janet Weicker -
Youth Bell Choir playing - Communion

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. Cline - Ron Connerly assisting - music led by Youth Bell
Choir and Chancel Choir - Communion

7:00 P.M. - FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Youth leading, "Why the Chimes Rang" - Children Pantomime of the Birth
Story - Birthday Celebration - solo by Kristin Byers - Duet by Shirley
Callahan and Sara Davis - Jerry Zimmerman, organist

11:00 P.M. - CANDLELIGHTING CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Youth and Young Adults assisting Pastor in a service climaxed with a
candlelighting - soloists: Mel Busse, Judy Hoagland, Virginia Johnson
Rebecca Stucky - Organist, Valetta Parlette

+ YOUR CHURCH STAFF SENDS GREETINGS! OUR PRAYER FOR EACH OF YOU +
+ AT THIS HOLIDAY TIME IS TO FIND YOUR CELEBRATION CENTERED IN +
+ LOVE. +

+
+ Harold E. Cline Miriam Bixenman Barbara Short +
+ Fred Woodward Ramona Ketner Marilyn Byers +
+ Sara Davis Jerry Zimmerman Randy Ahr +
+ Earl Fusselman Peg Buskirk +

SERVING DECEMBER 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, D. Church-NW, C. Church, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse & A. Benny-SW, K. Taylor & R. Krull-NW, G. Davis, E. Conrad, S. Schell, C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. - S. Harter - J. Young
R. Johnson - K. Taylor
W. Love - D. Church

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. W. Smith

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger, T. York

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Hiatt

10:45 A.M. P. Akers, J. Ott, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M-111 Mr. Arthur Mowery
632 Miss Ethel Shroyer
765 Mrs. Hazel Schwartz

THANKS!

We want to thank our many friends at First Christian for your cards and loving greetings celebrating the birth of our new son, Daniel. It is such a joyous occasion for us and we gladly share it with all.

A special thank-you to Miriam for her cheerful visit to the hospital.
Fondly, Cindy & Mark Akers

THANKS FOR VESPER MUSIC & DINNER

We thank our musicians and our cooks and many others for help and facilitating the excellent Vesper music program with the joint choir with West Creighton and also the dinner on Sunday evening. About 290 were in the worship and 260 for dinner. This was an excellent occasion.

Thanks to the 80 who caroled and the Places for refreshments following on the 10th!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

A check for \$650 was mailed last week as our over-and-above Thanksgiving offering for others. We thank all who shared in this special giving.

COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP

The entire group is invited to the Harters, 4922 Knoll Rd. at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 28. Dress casual--bring your favorite appetizer. The College and Career Class meets each Sunday in the Room at the north end of the Youth Lounge at 9:30 A.M.

HAT EXCHANGE

A wrong Russian-type (black) hat was taken on Sunday--Contact Ralph Church 447-5691. He has cold ears!

WEDDING BY PASTOR

John Wayne Ohneck and Kristy Kay Critell on December 16, 1978. They are residing at 4214 Mirada, 46816.

FIVE PARTICIPATING IN EDU-CARE

Miriam Bixenman, Carol & Ruby Cline, Betty Harter & Steve Harter will attend Edu-Care Jan. 12-14.



GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY....

The persons listed below have contributed towards the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily Flinn Home for children and ages respectively in lieu of separate Christmas cards. Thus they express to one and all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with God's love and blessing.

Charline Craig
Joyce, Clint, & Andrew Crowe
Bob & Cecile Chevalier
Margaret & Bert Leversee
Leland & Mary Higgins
Art & Florence Huddleston
Bill & Joan Franklin
Martha & Stan Cole
Ralph & Jackie Keller
Bill & Anna Taylor
Bob & Bev Hendricks
Dessie Buchman
Ron & Debbie Connerly
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Grace & Paul Truby
Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Alan Stucky
Bob & Esther Clipp
August Mueller
Fern & Paul Kenline
Irene Cline
Marvel & Vaughn Brickley
Dean & Elsie Widler
Hortense Tutterer
Laverne & Randy Hunt
Orchel & Franklin McGuire

Mike, Debby, & Elizabeth Brian
Thelma Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. Pen Taylor, Ken & Larry
Roxy Wunderlich
Bill & Myrtle DeVinney
Bethel & Lillian Breeden
Peg Buskirk
Dick, Barb, & Marcie Johnson
The Jim Jumps
Glenn & Lola Miller
Andy Cook
Amelia E. Pare
George, Sara, Tammy, & Jimmy Davis
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Jack & Janet Weicker
Bill, Andy, Janice, Jennifer, & Jill
Benny
The Ralph Church Family
Mary Wilhelm
Dorothy Schmidt
Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
Steve & Debbie White
Ruth & Earl Plummer
Clarence Metrick
Ralph & Audean (Ashe) Gahring

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thus far, we have received \$187.75 in our special Christmas outreach offering and a total of \$451.20 on our Christmas Cards for the Flinn and Cleveland Homes. Next Sunday, the 24th, is the day our total Church School offering is a part of our Christmas offering plus all received in special Christmas envelopes or so marked on regular envelopes. A goal for each gift is \$12.78 per family which is one penny a year since Christ was born. The reason behind our Christmas offering is perhaps clarified by this verse from author unknown: *When the angels' song is over, when the star is faded and gone, when the shepherds are back with the sheep, and the wise men returned to their homes--then the work of Christmas begins; To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to bring peace among all peoples.*

COMPLETEING OUR GIVING TO GOD FOR 1978

We have two more Sundays for regular giving. Any mailed 1978 giving must be received in the office no later than January 5 at noon. Any desiring to give towards 1979 pledges or intentions to the church may clearly mark such giving and we will run the check through the bank but hold the accounting until January 7.

We rejoice that it looks like we will surpass our budget goal for the second straight year. Any surplus money in budget accounts beyond all current and outreach obligations will be used in this priority: 1. Completion of our \$12,000 for a New Entry and roads at Indian Lake Conference Center--this Commitment was made from the 22.5% share of our Building Fund for capital outreach. We are now \$4,621.31 short of our \$12,000 goal. 2. Payment in full of salaries as originally recommended for 1978; and 3. Reduction of our loan on Storm Windows.

BUDGET

Giving 12/17	\$ 2,418.40
GOAL FOR 1978	129,108.00
Received to date:	126,792.20
NEEDED BY 12/31	2,315.80

BUILDING FUND - 1975-78

Giving 12/17	\$ 203.55
Three Year Pledges	77,240.40
Received to date	70,761.44
NEEDED BY 12/31	6,478.96

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PLANNING FOR 1979 - GIVING INTENTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

We now have 191 commitments for a total of \$124,477.60 or 79.4% of our Budget goal of \$156,806. We have over 100 homes to hear from at this point who could easily assure us so that the asking budget could become the working budget for the new year. We ask each one who has not made a commitment--member or friend--youth or adult--will you fill out a pink form and get it to the church office as soon as possible? "The crucial issue is not your share of the church budget, but God's share of your income."

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve
 11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
 7:30 P.M. College & Career at
 Harters, 4922 Knoll Rd.

PANTRY NEEDS: Powdered Milk, Spam,
Canned Fruit, P-Nut Butter, 1 lb.
Cottage Cheese or Sour Cream Con-
tainers

STORM WINDOW UPDATE

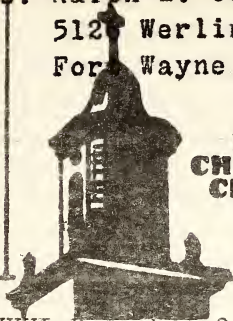
Special designated gifts for Storm Windows at \$91 per window or a gift of any amount now total \$5,440.50 or 39.4% of the original cost of \$13,799.19. During November, we cut our loan from \$9,000 to \$8,600 plus paying \$27.62 in interest. Recent contributors include:-- Anonymous, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenline. Mrs. Charline Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Banet.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day - Church Office
Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Virginia
Bruckman, 3729 South Drive

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Dorcus Group, Bernice
Montgomery, 716 Archer

9:00 A.M. Esther Group, Betty *Wright*
Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terr.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,
CEREAL, TUNA, PUDDING

"WE LIVE IN DEEDS, not years;
in thoughts, not breaths;
in feelings, not figures on a
dial.

We should count time by heart-
throbs.

He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest,
acts the best...

Life's but a means into an end,
that end,

Beginning, mean, and end to all
things--God"

-- Phillip James Bailey

"CHRISTMAS IMPLUSES FOR 1979"

This will be the sermon title as
we come to our final Sunday of Chr-
istmas and our final Sunday to wor-
ship God during 1978. Plan for Sun-
day morning at 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. to
join God in worship!

"I will light Candles this Christ-
mas --
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps
watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever
present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed
days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy bur-
dens,
Candles of love to inspire all my
living,
Candles that will burn all the year
long."

--Howard Thurman

"Ask not for knowledge of what will
be,
Waste not energy worrying over what
was, but in the newness of Now
begin again to love and listen
to the stirring of God."

-- Richard Cookson

SERVING DECEMBER 31

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M.
Busse-NW, D. Keebortz, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe & K. Lee-SW,
C. Schwartz & L. York-NW, W. Bowen,
B. Hendricks, M. Akers, P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,
E. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,
H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, M. Calla-
han

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10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger, T. York

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Ruby Cline

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Callahan, B. Glas-
gow, C. Cline

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Carl Schwartz and family in the
death of his mother, Hazel Schwartz,
on December 22, 1978.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING:

The very important January meeting
of the Board of Trustees will not be
until TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE PLANNED

A Baptismal service is planned as
a part of Meditative Worship this
coming Sunday, at 8:15 A.M.

CHRISTMAS PANTRY GIFT

The Christmas Party of the
Department of Welfare again sup-
ported our Pantry with Christmas
gifts. 180 food items and
\$54.30 was given to undergird
this program.

We rejoice in the high regard
of the department for this pro-
gram of emergency food aid which
is disbursed through our church
on recommendation of their soc-
ial workers. We thank them for
their generous Christmas gift to
help sustain the effort!

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP

Come tonight---Thursday the
28th to the Harters-4922 Knoll
Road at 7:30 P.M. Dress casual-
bring your favorite appetizer.
This class meet regularly in
the north end of the Youth Loun-
ge at 9:30 A.M. It was good to
have a strong class Sunday!

ATTENTION TREASURERS

It is important to complete
reports for the 1978 calendar
year as early as possible and
use the forms provided for the
total church report. Our com-
plete church report is to be
mailed to the regional office
by January 15. Your help will
be appreciated!

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 1979

These will be mailed by bulk
mailing early next week. If you
desire envelopes and do not re-
ceive them, please call the ch-
urch office. They should be re-
ceived no later than January 4
for usage on January 7.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WINTER AND SPRING 1979

Although we are stressing both the INQUIRER'S AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS and the COME PROGRAM, we have two weekend highlights and many other offerings for personal learning and growth.

Register as soon as possible--many registrations are due to be received in the Church Office by Sunday, January 14, 1979. Groups will be cancelled and money refunded if any class has less than six registered by the deadline.

INQUIRER'S AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

TIME: Orientation - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sunday, January 14

Regular Sessions - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Sundays, February 4 through April 8.

DESCRIPTION: This is an in-depth attempt to deal with basic issues of what it means to be a Christian and in particular as a Disciple of Christ within First Christian Church. An accent is upon experimentation in learning to grow in commitment to Christ as Lord; commitment to his body, the church; and commitment to his work in the world. Assignments are regularly given and notebooks are presented for notes and information. The study is being redesigned in light of the experience in the fall series. Thirty had signed up in advance for this section and we are asking these to reconfirm NOW plus encouraging others. Dr. Cline will lead with assistance from various persons.

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THE HEART OF THE BIBLE

TIME: Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., January 18 through April 12, led by Miriam Bixenman - 13 sessions

RESOURCES: Study Guide by Edward Bauman plus 25 cassette tapes which will be used.

COST: \$5 for text and tape usage

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to explore 13 key passages which contain the heart of the Biblical message about God and his purpose for human life, including Genesis 1-3, Exodus 14, 15, 20; John 1, Mark, Matthew 5-7; Luke 22-24; John 20; Romans 1-3; James 2; I Corinthians 13; Acts 2; I Corinthians 15.

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INVITATION TO ADVENTURE

TIME: Wednesday evenings, January 17 through March 21, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. led by Miriam Bixenman - 10 sessions.

RESOURCES: Printed Readings for each week plus daily usage of DISCIPLINE AND DISCOVERY by Albert Day

COST: \$5 per person

DESCRIPTION: This is an adventure in prayer, study, and discipline to experience the Ever-Presence of God. It was developed by Dennis Savage, a Disciple Pastor in Whittier, California. An increasing block of silence in contemplation of God will grow from five minutes to 30 minutes weekly during the 10 sessions.

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RELATING TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD - COVENANT GROUP

TIME: Eight total group sessions over 5 months, namely, 1:15 to 2:45 P.M. on Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 20, March 13, April 17, May 15, 22 plus check-in time with a partner within the group weekly led by Dr. Cline.

RESOURCES: Booklet, "Relating to the Spiritual World" by Morton Kelsey and other books for personal reading.

COST: \$2 per person.

DESCRIPTION: This experience is designed to aid growth in the spiritual pilgrimage and will encourage daily time for prayer, reading, journaling. Discipline of journaling, spiritual direction or companionship, fasting, silence, giving, will be explored as aids to relating to the spiritual world.

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SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

TIME: Six Saturday mornings, 7:00 to 8:30 A.M., January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24; May 1 & 15.

RESOURCES: Book and cassette tapes by Senator Mark Hatfield entitled "BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE"

COST: \$8.00 for book plus donations for breakfasts

DESCRIPTION: This is a challenge to all believers to shape their lives in active obedience to Christ, and his values. Basic challenge of our modern world must be faced with Christian ideals and Biblical principles both individually and collectively. This Christian lay man challenges a responsible personal Christian lifestyle.

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COME PROGRAM - LAB I FOR PARISH VISITATION SKILLS

TIME: Two weekends: 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. Fridays and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturdays, February 2 & 3 and 16 & 17 plus six Saturday mornings, March 3 through April 7, led by Dr. Cline

RESOURCES: Lab I Workbooks prepared by Leadership Education & Development, Inc. and the book, THE APATHETIC AND BORED CHURCH MEMBER, by John S. Savage.

COST: \$7.50 per person - the church is subsidizing the other \$7.50 as leadership development. This is cost for program per person through our Region since Dr. Cline was trained as a leader. For those beyond our congregation, cost is \$35 per person.

DESCRIPTION: This is an intensive, highly programmed laboratory experience in communication skills with the accent on listening, learning to deal with presentation, skill development and practice, and relection for learning. It is beneficial personal growth whether there is long range intention to use the training for calling or not.

COVENANT: Expected full participation in the lab training and willingness to make practice visits during the course. Our accent is on development of persons and thus there is no long range calling expectation. Other congregations will be invited to send participants according to guidelines established by the Region since this program comes through training provided by our Regional Church.

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ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM

TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., Friday, April 20 and 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 21

COST: \$2.00 per person

DESCRIPTION: A one-shot experience for motivating and equipping 10% of our Participating Membership in Evangelism. Each participant will have Workbook preparation before the weekend. Multi-media and a guest leader will feed into our experience. Equipping comes in two lengthy Saturday afternoon workshops. This is a new Disciple program designed for congregations and developed through a special grant and has found positive response in pilot tests.

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APPLYING THE EPHESIAN LETTER - POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM

TIME: Five sessions on Wednesday evenings in homes, April 26 through May 24, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. led by lay persons.

RESOURCES: The New Testament book of Ephesians combined with printed resources and tapes prepared by John Carr of Emory University

COST: \$2 per person

DESCRIPTION: The content is based on the book of Ephesians and its account of how the early Church came by her victorious spirit. Each SESSION is launched by a presentation or dramatization plus questions. Groups will discuss, share, experiment, and explore.

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EDUCATION OBSERVATION SCHOOL

TIME: Friday evening and Saturday, May 12 and 13.

DESCRIPTION. Guest leadership will be enlisted for various observation learning groups to cover the range of our educational program with the program designed to develop age-group leadership.

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REGISTRATION - WINTER AND SPRING - 1979 - SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Please note the dates on the left which are final dates for enrollment in the following offerings for this winter and spring. If possible, plan and sign for what you intend the entire period of winter and spring so that calendar can be clear for later events.

DEADLINE, SUNDAY JANUARY 14

INQUIRER'S AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CLASS

6:00 - 8:00 P.M., Sundays, Jan. 13; Feb. 4 to April 8

THE HEART OF THE BIBLE

1:15 to 2:45 P.M., Thursdays, Jan. 18 to April 12.

INVITATION TO ADVENTURE

7:30 to 9:30 P.M., Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to March 21

RELATING TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

8 scattered Tuesdays, 1:15 to 2:45 P.M., Jan. 16 to May 22

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

6 scattered Saturdays, 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. Jan. 13 to May 19

DEADLINE, SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

COME PROGRAM - COMMUNICATION & VISITATION SKILLS

Two weekends during February and 6 Saturday mornings, March 3 to April 7

DEADLINE, SUNDAY, APRIL 15

ADVENTURE IN EVANGELISM - MOTIVATION & EQUIPPING

Friday night and Saturday, April 20 & 21

EPHESIAN LETTER APPLIED TO CHURCH - POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM

5 Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. in homes, April 26 to May 24

DEADLINE, SUNDAY, MAY 6

OBSERVATION LAB SCHOOL

Friday night and Saturday, May 12 and 13

Please designate age group selection.

NAME _____

NEED CHILD CARE _____

AMOUNT WITH REGIS \$ _____

W GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

persons listed below have contributed towards the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily Flinn Home for children and aged respectively in lieu of separate Christmas cards. Thus they express to one and all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with God's love and blessing.

Jennie Harter	Mark, Cindy, Josh, Matt, & Danny Akers
Mary Lou Hartzler	Charlie, Armella, Adam & Barry Newman
Edna & Harold Nordblom	Carrie Smelser
Jack, Pam & Danny Bickel	John, Betty, Tim, Bob, & Julie Briggs
Ed, Rosie, & Gary Hall	Harold & Colyn Crowder & family
George & Virginia Bruckman	Mike & Susie Watson
Linda, Joe, Erin & B.J. Wiley	Patty, Mike & Kim Campbell
Jane & Rick Hahn	Susan & Shannon Jones
Delores & Scott Keebortz	

GREETINGS...

Christmas Eve on Sunday was a strong participation day with 142 at the 7:00 P.M. hour, 201 at 11:00 P.M. plus 340 in the two morning hours. These totals included over 500 different persons involved in worship the day before Christmas.

I thank musicians and other participants who gave of themselves for these experiences. I rejoice in the growing commitment to Christmas worship within our congregation.

This Sunday we will have again a holiday weekend--bring house guests and family with you to our worship on Sunday morning which will round out our Christmas experiences and point us for the new year.

I hope that you share with me the sense of satisfaction and deep appreciation for the outstanding month we have been having in the life of First Christian--excellent Advent and Christmas experiences with strong participation, tremendous sharing through gifts, decisions and new persons among us.

Praise God for the richness of his blessings this month!

Harold E. Cline

YEAR END GIVING - ENDING OF BUILDING FUND

Any giving for completion of 1978 should be brought Sunday or mailed so that it reaches the office no later than noon on Friday, January 5. All mailed giving needs to be clearly marked for 1978 or 1979 giving or Building Fund. Noon Friday the 5th, is our church accounting cut off time for our three year Building Fund program and 1978 giving.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

This class for couples in early and mid 20's will begin a 13 week study, STRONG SON OF GOD, using a text by that title written by Dwight E. Stevenson. This class meets weekly at 9:30 A.M. in the East Parlor-No. 230. This is a study of the life of Jesus.

1979 GIVING INTENTIONS

We now have \$126,847.60 in firm commitments for the new year--many others would help planning by submitting pink forms no later than January 2, 1979

OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER NEW HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE

The Board of Trustees in their December meeting approved the recommendation of the Hymnbook Selection Committee that we purchase HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH as the Hymnal used by our congregation. A large Memorial Gift is available for use in their purchase. However, the Committee and the Board wanted the congregation to have an opportunity to purchase one or more books In Memory of someone, In Honor of someone or group, or for personal use in their home. You have until January 15 to complete the form below, return it with your money to the church office. Be sure to indicate on the form clearly names for Memorials or Honors because this is how the Bookplate will be printed. Beginning Sunday, December 31 a display will be set up in Fellowship Hall so that you can inspect this Hymnal. Forms will also be available at the display table. Hymnals are \$5.00 per piece, whether ordering for church or home usage.

 MY/OUR NAME _____

Please purchase for me _____ HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH IN MEMORY OF _____

Please purchase for me _____ HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH IN HONOR OF _____

I wish to purchase _____ HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH for the church use without a designation on the bookplate.

Please order _____ HYMNS FOR THE LIVING CHURCH without the church imprint for home usage.

Submitted with this form is \$ _____ for _____ (Number of books)

If submitting checks please make payable to the church and mark for hymnals.



